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Dear Bob.

I'm ashamed for not writing sooner but the summer just slipped away, I started several letters but mislaid them before I finished them.

The dog news is varied Anne & I had a good trip to France where I was judging for the Professional Handler Ass. the weather was mixed as was some of the dog work, but overall there was a very high standard as usual.

I had told you I think of Apollo's since's success in the Spring but sadly he was killed last week by a car, the kennel is a very gloomy place without him.

We had a wonderful holiday in Scotland, three and half weeks in picturesque  
Lady <sup>(Apollo's mother)</sup> won her ~~second~~ second leg in Scotland

we followed the field trials with a fortnight's  
 dogging for a friend of mine who was  
 lucky enough to inherit an estate in  
 Scotland. We had 165 brace of grouse  
 killed over the dogs which was great  
 experience for them and good fun for us.  
 I'll always remember Gyp's (Mohammed Happy)  
 last day over there. We had two  
 French juns who had been shooting  
 over pointers in Invernesshire for the  
 previous week, they were astounded by the  
 great width of Gyp's search, his stamina  
 and his ability around game. Little did  
 I realize that would be the last time I'd  
 shoot over him.

Bob Regarding your offer of a  
 puppy which I'm quite sure is now sold  
 a friend of mine and I are considering  
 importing a pointer bitch in pup from France  
 which all told will cost us near £2000  
 and therefore cannot see myself parting  
 another dog in quarantine for quite some

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time. I'm very sorry for not replying to your kind offer earlier.

We'll look forward to your visit to Ireland next year, there is no more beautiful country if the weather is kind. I agree a month of spectating at trials is more than most could take, but I think if you picked certain trials and did some sight-seeing or whatever you could have a very pleasant holiday.

I'm going again to Scotland in November for 3 days stalking and shooting which will I hope be a pleasant break.

Kind Regards

Ray

P.S.  
Did you receive the four generation pedigree from the H.C.

