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Dear Bob,

Thank you indeed for your last letter, and the picture (fore and aft) of your dog, believe me he is a nice setter, anyplace, anytime, and I would be very proud to have him in my yard, so ever ything in red setter s in U. S. is not a cross between Irish setter, coon hound and buck banshee!!!!. which I always suspected.

We all liked your article in the News Letter, and it whets my appatite very much for next November. Oh yes, Claire, my daughter, sent me a video of the '89 National at Grand Junction, and an old dog, I forget his name Endless something or other, chalked up 14 finds (that beats Wareiel A legeney Sport) in atrocious conditions, but he barely pointed with his tail ~~give~~ back level, and sometimes below, his gallop was rocky, certianly not fluid, and his style in relocation far from true blue, but he did have his 14 finds and some of them were way off, and his relocations were good. It puts into perspective much of what I @ felt all along, that a good dog is a good dog no matter the location, and that all the stylist purists succumb to bird finding regardless of the maxin 'its the quality of the performance rather than the frequency of the occurence'

*Bob*  
I am glad you enjoyed the News Letter, I am finding it difficult now to get a suitable subject for the historical bit, without involving my own time, and let someone else do that rather than have me blow my own coal. I have always gone to great pains, as indeed have the predecessors in office known to me, to make absolutely sure that I never could be said to use my position as secretary for my own personal gain or notoriety, and indeed this has helped the club. We are now suffering a bit because the new comers to trials are lured towards the white dogs and the mostly Japanese market which is available to them. The days are gone when "gentlemen" only ran and had setters. I have had notions about your red setters for many years, and I shall reserve judgement until I see them .... will then tell you, possibly with appropriate blushes.

Thank you and the club indeed for inviting Dorothy and myself. If it is alright by you can we go Delta airlines via Atlanta, if the price is the same, which I am told it is... I do know there could be sponsorship and certian routes available only, I leave it in your good hands. The road trip from Ill. to Atlanta, sounds just the job. We are very flexible and totaly amenable.

Many happy returns of the festive season. Oh yes, I had the Norwegians here for a dog last week (they took three). They tell me now in Norway many American red setters. They were critical of their temperament, and also that they ran very much and hunted very little, and that what finds they have, the birds find them ???????, I only quote. One thing I did say regardless of what you got from US there must be some fine red setters in U. S., whose ability to reproduce themselves I would have doubts, because of lack of purity and continuity of blood...<sup>n</sup>

Be happy and healthy,