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Jane,

Just a short note with a few questions. In sifting through the information I have on Bert I have uncovered a few items of interest that may help us both. In your article that you submitted to Reader's Digest, you show Bert's family as living in an area between "Drogeham" and "Harkema," in the Frisian Islands. I can find no such villages in the world atlas but find two villages with similar names on the north coast of Holland, in Friesland. This would be Dokkum and Holward. They are only a few miles apart and the sixth longitude runs between them. I remember hearing Bert on your tape saying that the sixth longitude was one of the coordinates of his birth place. He also gave the latitude but I don't remember it. If you would dig it out of the tape for me I will really appreciate it. It is possible that Bert never lived in the Frisian Island but was across the Waddenzee on the north coast.

I would like to know if Winston Johnson is still alive. If so, do you have his address?

I tried to contact Angus Crikes in Bakersfield but recieved no reply. Do you know of anyone else who knew Bert for a long period of time?

I am close to the end of The Dunites, and winding it up. There is always the temptation to persue one more lead but, as Arleta says, "You have to stop sometime!" This note to you is one of the last stones I am overturning.

Out of curiosity, what kind of stock did Bert speculate in? Harold Guiton states that Bert owned stock in May Company and a few others.

~~I hope all goes well with Secret of the Dunes and Song of the Dunes.~~

Sincerely,

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