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## Vincent House: Baker Letter to C. Stuart Avery, May 10, 1979

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May 10, 1979

Mr. C. Stuart Avery  
Martha's Vineyard Historical Preservation Society  
Edgartown, MA 02539

Dear Stuart:

Sorry to have missed you this week. Hope you had a great time in the big city.

To bring you up to date -

First: Doug is just about done with his part and is leaving the end of the week.

Second: Lida Gerritson is working on the plaster. I am having her concentrate on A & D rooms. D room (kitchen) plaster will be finished this week. Simon Newby (the cabinet maker) will be out Monday to prepare and paint the woodwork in D. When D is completed we will concentrate on preparing the woodwork in A room. These 2 rooms should be completed by June 1. If there still is a place for Lida to stay, she could next repair the plaster in F and E rooms so that they could be painted before summer. Otherwise we can do this in the Fall. What would you prefer?

Third: A list of things for Warren to do, most of which he knows about. I have not seen him in weeks. I will be out this May 14 and would like to see him then.

Shelves built in basement.

Floor laid in ell.

Thresholds - ell.

2nd coat paint - window frames (he missed a few undersides of window sills.)

Cement under stairs to cellar.

Installing new support posts in cellar (he needs to be so careful when he does this so as not to crack plaster in A room.)

Prepare for paint and paint -

- ceilings - 2nd floor bedroom and 1st floor.  
Prepare A room floor for paint.  
Paint closet - A room.

Simon gets \$12.00 per hour; Lida gets \$6.00 per hour.

Estimate to June 1st.:	\$480.00	1 week
	<u>960.00</u>	4 weeks
	1440.00	labor
	100.00	travel
	<u>100.00</u>	material
	1640.00	
	<u>+246.00</u>	A. W. Baker Restorations 15%
	\$1886.00	Total

*estimate screwed up because  
of grain paint found  
found* See you Tuesday,

Pete

*(enclosure  
paint's details)*

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Painting Schedule

A Room: Walls & ceiling - tinted whitewash.  
All woodwork - green to match original 1st layer  
of green.  
Floor - paint, color to be decided.  
Firebox - face-black, bead around face - red.  
Hinges - painted.  
Latches - remove black paint and oil.  
Section of A -11-10-9 to have a neat sample ex-  
posed of the different layers of paint.  
All nail holes puttied.

D Room: Walls and ceilings - tinted whitewash.  
Woodwork - blue wash.  
window frames & sash  
wainscott, posts up to top of wainscott  
Board walls & doors  
mantle, etc.  
posts above wainscot  
girts & summers - white wash  
Floor - cleaned with tungoil.  
New nail holes only to be puttied.  
Firebox - new plaster on righthand side to be  
painted red, then black to simulate left side.  
Don't touch left side.  
Hardware - wooden latch - paint with "wear-effect."  
Hinges - paint.

Do not paint closet <sup>(inside)</sup> - left of firebox.