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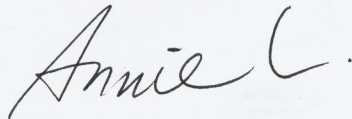
and Tom O'Connell

2/17/97

For Datus Proper -

I wanted to make sure you didn't miss
the enclosed - and to send along new
Seattle address - where you and Anna
would be welcomed!

All best -

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Annie L.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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DATUS

Decided To decline your REEL. The side
PLATE IS bent AND ALTHOUGH IT HAS A
SMOOTH BRASS FOOT IT IS NOT AS OLD
AS I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE. IT WAS PROBABLY
MADE IN THE LATE FORTIES OR EARLY FIFTIES.
IT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO HARDY WITH
INSTRUCTIONS "PUT IN BEST ORDER, DO NOT
RE-SPRAY, STRAIGHTEN SIDE PLATE".

Thank You

Don Labbe

American Embassy
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Jan. 30, 1982

Dear Don,

Thanks for your card with the nice steelhead fly.

I guess your reel sounds OK. I would actually have preferred the worn old finish, but if I use it, it will get worn fast enough. I have in mind fitting a left-handed set screw and trying to get away with using it left-handed. Saw that done once.

None I do have one question: you don't mention whether there's any wear on the reel frame from line stripping. In most of the old perfects I've seen without line guard, a little metal has been cut away around top pillar, leaving sharp edges. This can't be repaired. I don't want the reel if there is a groove of this kind.

You ask about the bushing on mine: I think it's OK but don't have enough experience to know. I can get maybe 1/16" side play at the rim of the spool when I grasp it with my fingers. The reel feels smooth to me, but I haven't used it much: just too big for my kind of fishing. A lot of the finish is worn down.

Let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Datus
Datus Proper



NO WEAR ON FRAME

SOUNDS AS THOUGH YOURS IS WORN
BUT MIGHT BE OK

LINE GROOVES CAN BE REPAIRED BY USING
"MARINE TEX" WHICH IS A PLASTIC THAT IS STRONG
ENOUGH TO REPAIR HOLES IN MARINE ENGINES.



LESLIE HARTMAN
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Rainbow Trout
Salmo gairdneri

JAN 11, 1981

DEAR MR PROPER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE.

I HAVE A 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ " PERFECT, RIGHT HAND,
SMOOTH BRASS FOOT, NO LINE GUARD,
MARK II MECHANISM, BLACK EBONITE
HANDLE. THIS REEL WAS REBUILT BY
HARDY AND HAS NOT BEEN USED SINCE.
IT WAS RE-SPRAYED (HARDY'S TERM FOR
REPAINTED) SO DOES NOT HAVE THE
OLD TYPE FINISH. IF THIS REEL SOUNDS
GOOD TO YOU, I WOULD ~~BE~~ WILLING
TO TRADE IT FOR YOUR 3 $\frac{5}{8}$,
ASSUMING THAT THE BUSSING IS NICE
AND TIGHT.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED,
SEND ME YOUR REEL AND I'LL
SEND YOU MINE BY RETURN
MAIL. IF YOU ARE NOT
PLEASED, WE CAN CERTAINLY
TRADE BACK AS YOU SUGGESTED

SORRY, I HAVE NO LEFT HAND
PERFECTS AT ALL.

SINCERELY YOURS

Don

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