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Dear Dennis,

Just to keep the record straight, I am sending you a copy of this letter to Buchas. As you might notice it is exaggerated and very kiss-ass which they don't deserve but Sandy might so it's OK.

About Ontario, don't be silly. Arrange whatever you can. Why are we doing these masochistic feats if a little money isn't going to come in the end? Personally, I am going to minimize my pro races next summer to try to cash in on the Lake O[ntario] double crossing. They say the first two weeks of August is the best bet for weather. I noticed last summer that the two young girls (Nicholas & Kondrak) unconsciously helped each other make some \$ by competing for youngest & fastest. If we do it right we might be able to do the same for first male & female on the two- way. I think it is smart not to broadcast to other swimmers like Erikson if or how much money is even potentially involved. If we shoot off our mouths, every Dixon on the circuit will be in Toronto giving it a try and only luck with the weather will be the question. I'm keeping very quiet myself.

40% is outrageous. That is a deal I made with Cliff but strictly for personal friendship reasons. And because he is broke. Some bullshit joker who doesn't know anything about crossing any lake wouldn't get more than 20% from me. I think the trainer is important on a swim like that and I personally feel that Marg deserves the financial trust(?) and the other guy can have the political bows for the press. By the way, if we're not in the water at the same time, I'm sure Cliff and I will be glad to go with you if you think we can help (free of charge, of course.)

That's it for now.

Keep smiling,

Diana