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Dear Ron:

Many thanks for the fine Christmas card. It was indeed good to hear from you again. You have not been out of mind, only "beyond the reach of my left hook", as a friend of mine says who is beset with more cross pressures and problems than I.

Preludes is out, and a leaflet is enclosed. However, I have had no reports from Dave Parrish as to any possible sales, and indeed have had almost no reports from anyone. Judge Haynsworth did write me a long letter, commenting on some of the points I treated. I have reason to believe that a few reviews are under preparation, and when they come out perhaps I shall have a better idea as to the magnitude of the flop involved in this effort. As to other writing, my only recent tidbit has been a review in the Michigan Law Review of the ABA's Report on Post-Conviction Remedies. I shall send a copy of this to you via surface mail. One of these days I shall stop raising questions and get down to solutions, I hope.

As to the Law School, in one sense there has indeed been marked progress, and there is a momentum now going which, if continued, will surely lead on to greater heights. The next few months will be critical, and may well determine much of our future course. There are a number of moves afoot which will either come to fruition or abort within this period. We have five new faculty members on hand, a considerably expanded curriculum, and many other things cooking. We are continuing with visiting professors from overseas. We now have a young man from the University of Melbourne with

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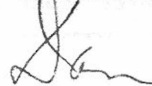
us for the whole year, and there arrives in January a Cambridge graduate, now teaching law at the London School of Economics.

Our Moot Court program this year will be something you should behold. One of our new faculty members is devoting full time to it this fall, and it is probably as thoroughgoing and good a Moot Court program as could be found in any Law School. He was twice winner of the University of Chicago Law School Moot Court Competition, and served last year as Law Clerk for Judge Harrison Winter, on the Fourth Circuit. Naturally he uses your books, as well as many other things. This is one of the few efforts in American law schools really to teach appellate advocacy, as distinguished from simply affording students a random opportunity to try their hands at it.

You are having great adventures no doubt, and will have acquired a vast education in the Orient as well as in Europe by the time you reestablish resident in the New World, if that time should come. I look forward to the day when we can sit down and talk about it all. Jan joins me in sending our very best wishes for the holiday season and for the New Year.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



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