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Dear Dan:

I just got your letter Saturday, two days after reading in the International Herald Tribune of the appointment. It was the gladdest news I've had in a long time, and if I didn't write you the same day it was only because we were fighting against a 60 day deadline to file a pleading in the administrative court in Marseille.

I am more delighted than I can easily express that you will be in a position where your thoughts can know some chance of realization and also where you will be within closer striking distance of the Supreme Court as eventual successor to Justice Black.


Incidentally, I wrote recently to the Supreme Court about a photo of Black, and they simply referred me to a number of photography studios. I have written to them and am awaiting replies.

I expect to be in the U.S. in June. A visit to Washington or Charlottesville is a possibility. I would relish some lengthy conversations, and I hope you know that I shall be glad to be of whatever assistance I can.

Unfortunately, I'm going to miss the Colloquium, but I would appreciate your observations if you do manage to be present and have the time to jot them down. It sounds to me, though, as if you are going to have a very busy schedule. I hope we can keep in touch.

Meanwhile, you have my warmest regards and very best wishes.

As ever,



Ronald P. Sokol