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VOTRE RÉF. :

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Dear Dan:

Some members of the local French bar in Nice are organizing with Pan Am a charter flight to the U.S. from November 10th to 13th for the purpose of observing the American legal process. The group will likely be between 25 and 50 people and may well include notaires and perhaps some judges as well as lawyers. They would like to observe an American trial, an American law office, and meet some American lawyers, preferably ones who know some French. If I am free between those dates I shall go along.

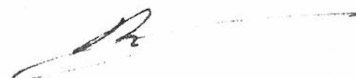
Is this excursion of Frenchmen of any interest to you in the Justice Department? Would Justice want to handle the arrangements on the U.S. side to show a trial and a working law office, or does this type of project fall more into the domain of the D.C. Bar? If Justice is interested, are a tour of the Justice Dept., for example, and perhaps a brief hello from the Attorney General a possibility?

The French legal profession is just beginning to emerge from the sole practitioner stage and badly needs exposure to the U.S. system. I think myself that the trip will be of wonderful educational value to the French profession. It ought also to create a certain amount of goodwill among an influential part of French society if the group is well received in the U.S.

I am sorry to bother you with this when I know that you must be going through a particularly hectic period, but it seemed sufficiently important to write. If you think it will involve more time than it is worth, I hope you will not hesitate to tell me at once.

With kindest regards, I remain

As ever,



Ronald P. Sokol