

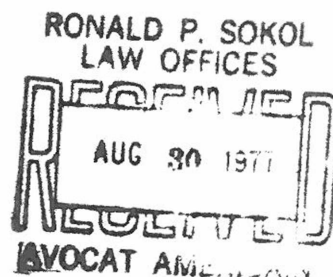


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Dear Ron:

Many thanks for your most recent letter. Your calls from Milwaukee to Boston were extremely welcome. They helped dispel the long dark hours, and I only regret that we did not have additional opportunities to visit.

I was ultimately discharged from the hospital on July 5, in a state that was far from ideal. I had no vision then and have none now. However, I have undergone increased light perception and get now some shadowy glimpses of images. The medical forecast was that over a period of many weeks a significant degree of vision could return, although there is no certainty about it. The problem is that there is matter known as fibrin--a kind of scar tissue--floating around in my eye. This obstructs vision. In most cases, this gradually absorbs through natural processes over a period of one to four months. There are faint, hopeful signs that I may be making some progress in this direction, but it will probably be a number of weeks yet before I know the ultimate outcome. It is also possible that another surgical operation can be performed to remove that matter. I go back to Boston for an examination next week, so I may know more then about what lies ahead.

In the meantime, last week I began coming back to my Office and expect to be here now more or less full time. Next week we hope to get Jan and children moved up to Washington. There are many awkward aspects of attempting to carry on with this job with no sight, but I am getting plenty of help from the staff and from my family, so I hope that it will prove workable.

Your suggestion that Jan and I might sometime use your

quarters over your office is most inviting. I shall certainly keep that in mind, with the hope that we may be able to accept your hospitality one of these days. I would like very much to make it with some vision, so as to get full benefit out of the delights of France. Keep me posted on your activities from time to time, and if you get back to this country, by all means try to come by.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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