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Dear Dan:

This is just a short note to ask whether you would be willing to move my Admission to the Supreme Court of the United States? I have asked Mike Tigar to be the other sponsor, and by the time you receive these papers they should all be ready to be submitted to the Court after receiving, I hope, your signature as sponsor and as the moving party. Rather than sending all the material back to me and then having me send it back to Washington to the Clerk, I have enclosed my check to the Clerk of the Court and an envelope addressed to him with the thought that perhaps simply you could put it all in the envelope and have it sent over to the Court. Unfortunately I do not have any major case in which I expect to appear before the Supreme Court in the near future. But now that I have returned to the active practice of law, it seems best to be prepared. Practicing abroad as I do, it also seems more useful to be able to state in certain documents in which I must list the Bar of which I am a member, that I belong to the Supreme Court rather than simply to the Bar of Wisconsin. I presume this mundane aspect is not unknown to you.

I was delighted a short time ago to be reading the ABA Journal and suddenly to see your picture as big as life and a short caption concerning a speech that you had given.

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It reassured me that you are back once again in operation.

My practice here has begun to grow and, somewhat to my surprise, I find that I am thoroughly enjoying the practice of law. I have even had one big criminal case in which I introduced into the French system the notion of raising procedural objections and insisting on the rights of the accused. This astonished everyone, particularly the judge. The only person who seemed to think it normal was my client who was English. After fifteen months in prison without bail, I succeeded in obtaining an acquittal for her, and now intend to attempt to obtain an indemnity from the French Cour de Cassation under a little-used provision of the criminal procedure code. What appalls me most is the general level of competence of lawyers on both sides of the Atlantic. Unfortunately, Reno Harp was not an isolated case.

I wish I could ramble on longer, but I can't. There is some chance that I may get to Charlottesville or Washington this summer. If I do, of course I shall call. I hope you have regained enough of your sight to function to your satisfaction. I still have a place for you here should you want to take a brief holiday.

With kindest regards, I remain

As ever,

\*Or a long holiday.

Ronald P. Sokol

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2. Envelope addressed to Clerk.
3. Motion for Admission.
4. Application for Admission.
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