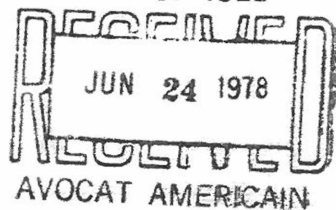


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Dear Ron:

Many thanks for the clipping from the Paris paper. This was fascinating reading, and I appreciate the opportunity of getting this glimpse of you and your family from the personal side. My secretary described the photograph, so I feel as though I have actually seen it.

Recently, at the American Law Institute meeting here, I ran into Val and Hardy Dillard. They said they had seen you in Paris and they had dinner with you. We did not have time to chat for long, so I did not get an opportunity to find out any news about you.

I hope you are successful in getting in the seminar for this Summer. Let me know what has come of that. Also, if you do get to this Country this Summer and have any chance to pass through Washington, please let me know and plan to stop over. We can sleep two or three people in our house here and would be delighted to put up you and your family.

On April 24, I underwent another operation in Boston. It turns out that this was an "interlocutory" operation (to borrow a term from the law), as it was merely an intermediate step designed to clear the way for another operation later. This one simply removed some obstructions which had formed in the eye, thereby making it possible to perform another operation on the retina, which may restore some vision. This later operation will probably not be performed until August or September. The medical crowd seems to still hold out hope for my case, and as long as they do, so do I. My judgment, however, is that the odds are tilted against me. A

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conservative investor would not put a lot of money in my case. As you can well understand, I have no choice but to keep on as long as anyone holds out any hope.

In recent months, I have been on a Thomas Wolfe kick. He is out of fashion with the critics and the English professors these days, but I think it is magnificent writing. I have now read all but two of his books, and these two do not seem to be available through talking books.

Keep me posted on your Summer travel plans.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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