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Dear Ron,

As you can probably detect, I am writing on a word processor. It is the talking computer about which you some time ago. The equipment arrived in December, and ever since then I have been struggling to learn how to operate it. It is quite a sophisticated machine. The speech element at least triples the complications of learning all the functions. Thus far I have not undertaken to try to write anything really serious or substantive. I have decided that writing letters to friends is a good way to get practice. Thus I am using you as something of a guinea pig, although I have intended to write you in any event. Please excuse errors. In the interest of getting the out I am not attempting to check and all mistakes.

This week we have the annual Sokol Colloquium. Jan and I will go to the dinner on Friay evening, and I may take in some of the discussions. My impression is that you have never attending this object of your charity, an omissiat you should cure some day.

Two weeks I attended a two day celebration at the University of Alabama Law School to mark the one hundreth anniversary of Hugo Black's birth. Several persons were on hand. The luminaries included Justice Brennan, Arthur Goldberg, Anthony Lewis, and several federal circuit judges. The affair concluded with in formal and nostalgic recollections by the 18 or so former law clerks present. The very last item on the program was atalk by me on Justice Black and his books. In the new law school building there they have created Hugo Black Room, which is more or less a replica of his study in the Alexandria house. In that room are now housed all the books that were in that study.

In mid August there is a gathering in Vienna that dI am thinking of attending. Jan ar wondering whether you are going to be in your home station then. If so, and if you could spare an evening, we might be able to nip by for brief visit. The dates are not yet definite, but I estimate that we could come through at some point between the10th and 14th. For years we have been wanting to get by there, and this looks to be our first chance. If could let me know whether this suitable, I would appreciate it. How can we best fly from Washington to the airport nearest you?

Only four weeks now remain in this semester. In addition to the usual array of spring activities I must go to California for the annual meeting of the American College of Trial Lawyers and then to Chigo for a meeting of the American Judicature Society.

From March to late May is our most hectic time.

I hope this is reasonably legible. Now if I can get the printer to work properly I will put it in the mail to you. I hope that this finds all going well with you and your family.

Sincerely,

John