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Dear Dan,

It has been a long time since I have heard from you, and I thought I would dash off a few lines to reassure myself that you are all right and that it is only the press of academic and professional life that is behind it all.

Happy days are here again! Are you apt to return to government life in one form or another? How can I lobby to get you appointed to the Court? I am probably too removed to do much good, but I would be happy to try to network with classmates to get you at the head of the queue when a slot opens up.

I have actually done some writing this year. I have a piece coming out in the Winter issue of the International Lawyer entitled "Reforming the French Legal Profession", and I just completed an article in French which I submitted to the newspaper "Le Monde", but I don't know whether it will be accepted. It is entitled "French Contempt of the Law: Recollections and Reflections of an American Lawyer". It recounts some experiences I have had practicing here and then adds a few reflections.

I have serious doubts whether the piece will be accepted, but I got off my chest a few things I wanted to say and which were inspired by a major public scandal that has been going on in France and is known in the press as the "Contaminated Blood Case". The director of the National Blood Transfusion Center was convicted for distributing in 1985 blood that he knew was contaminated with the HIV virus. The case involves a quasi-total breakdown in responsibility in the Health Ministry in 1985 and 1986. I have been collecting articles on it since it broke into the press a year or more ago and may some day write it up in English along with one or two other French cases.

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As I had some contact with the French Health Ministry myself in 1985 while acting for a client, I decided to write up my recollection. However, a couple of weeks have now gone by, and I have heard nothing from Le Monde so I suspect that it will not be published. In fact, the article has not even been acknowledged.

I am giving increasing thought to the idea of moving to England. In fact, if I were offered an interesting job there, I would be sorely tempted to take it. The reason for this is that three of our four children are now at school in England and the youngest who is eleven will be there as well as of next September. If we were in England, we could be together on weekends. As it is, we are relegated to school holidays three or four times a year. I have written to Al Turnbull to ask him for the names of some headhunters who operate in Europe and have mentioned my musing to one or two other people. I shall keep you informed.

What has been the reception to your book on American Courts? What is your latest project? In one of your letters you mentioned a project for doing a novel. What became of it? When do you return to Lucius L?

I close this letter in some haste so as to get it off to you as I am leaving town tomorrow and may not get a chance to get back to it for awhile.

With warmest wishes.

As ever,



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