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Dear Dan,

This is not a proper reply to your letter which came yesterday, but just a note to let you know that I leave the day after tomorrow for Cambodia where I expect to stay about three weeks working on the court-training project. I am very much looking forward to it and appreciate your recommending me. I was a bit concerned about the security, but I have been reassured that I shall be kept away from landmines and war zones. If I can safely dodge the malarial mosquitos, I am expecting it to be a very interesting experience which will give me new perspectives on practicing in France.

I read Schwarzschild's article last night on the English bar as the subject is of much interest to me, as you might well imagine, with three sons still in public school. I thought it was a very good article, well balanced, and very close to the mark. The Inns of Court are the ultimate ivory tower. A child who is sent away to an English prep school at age 6 (mine went for a year at 8 and then returned permanently at age 11), then goes on to a public school, then to Oxford or Cambridge and then to the English bar has lived in a cocoon. Most of the time it is a wonderful cocoon, so much so that I am hoping to get one of mine tempted that way, but it remains an ivory tower isolated from the "real world". From what I have seen, he has gotten the class aspect of the bar about right.

I shall write more at length after I have returned from Cambodia. I appreciate the reference to Gunther's biography, and I shall order it.

Sincerely yours,



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