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Dear Ron:

It was a pleasant surprise to learn from your last letter that you were on the way to Cambodia. I am surprised that the Washington office had not let me know of this. I assume that you met Eugene Murat; he and I have long associations in various judicial projects. Also, there is a woman there named Warren whose husband is a California judge, Roger Warren, who takes over the head of the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg in April. This is truly a long-distance marriage. In any case, I hope that your venture has gone well. At your convenience I would be quite interested in hearing a bit about it.

Having had some role in getting you involved in Cambodia, I am now suggesting your involvement in another project, known as the "Golden Mean." We may have discussed this last August. It is a project designed to produce several hour-long films for showing on public TV and for other educational purposes. You may recall Kenneth Clark's celebrated series of films entitled "Civilization," back in the '70s. Clark omitted law, and this project is designed to fill that gap. In a sense, it compliments "Civilization" and is its legal counterpart. The films are designed to trace the origin and development of law from the earliest times globally to the present, with emphasis on the civil and common law systems of the western world.

The originator and ongoing head of the project is Mary Lee Stapp. She and I were law school classmates, and for many years she was General Counsel of the Alabama State Department of Welfare. She has invested several years in this project and has assembled a sizeable stable of advisers, consultants, writers, and producers in this country and in England. She is a bit thin on advisers from the civil law world, and that is where you come in. If she contacts you, I hope that you will agree to serve. I can assure you that this is not an onerous assignment. It will involve reacting from time to time to ideas for the content of the program and possibly for making suggestions. I think this project holds great potential if the funds can be assembled to implement it adequately. Fund raising is now underway.

Mary Lee Stapp goes often to England and in fact is there at the moment. She will be there until the third week of March. Her address and telephone number in London are given below. If you happen to be there during this time, I hope that you will give her a ring. She is anxious to talk with you.



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I hope that at your convenience you will give me at least a brief report on your Cambodian venture. With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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