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Dear Ron:

Please excuse my delay in responding to your recent communications. The last two months have been unusually busy. I have attended three judicial conferences at which I had to make talks. In between, I made a quick trip to Germany to deliver a lecture (comparative observations about American and German federalism and American and German courts) at the Martin Luther University in Halle. Also, I made a quick visit to the dean of the law faculty at Humboldt University in Berlin. Both of these law faculties are still working out their transitions from the old Marxist-Leninist systems. I found it especially interesting to be delivering my lecture at Halle in the Aula of the Lion Building, which appears as a scene in His Father's House.

I greatly appreciate your report on the Cambodian venture--both your letter to me and your "confidential" report to the Washington office. Frankly, I am not surprised to hear your adverse comments about the program. I myself have had doubts about how well it was being run. On one occasion I called on the staff at the Washington office and met Gay McDougal. She impressed me then as being somewhat disinterested in the whole affair, so your diagnosis of lack of interest could be quite accurate. The staff impressed me as not having a firm grip on the details of the operation. I am delighted that you went, as your communication may be just the tonic they need to help straighten it all out. Recently I tried to call Laura McGrew just to get her reactions to how the program is going, without disclosing your communication to me. However, she was out of the office and not scheduled to return for some time, so I have not talked with her. It is really astounding that anybody could continue to run a program with all of these shortcomings that you identify.

Mary Lee Stapp recently called me--she was on her way to London again--and said that you had been in London and had talked with Neville Clark. I would be interested in your reactions to him and to the Golden Mean project when you can find time to drop me a line. This project has been underway for several years, and it has a kind of never-ending quality about it. Mary Lee Stapp and Neville Clark have been somewhat inept, in my judgment, in the way they have gone about funding applications. Things seem to be looking up a bit now, but I would not hazard to guess on how rapidly all of this can progress. At times I get the impression that Mary Lee Stapp would be just as happy to have it forever ongoing, as it gives her something to play with. I still think the idea is splendid, if it can be implemented in good style and with a high quality production.

I have now finished a complete draft of my second novel and am in the revising stage. My hope is that within another two or three months I will have a manuscript that I deem fit to submit to the publisher. My tentative title is "Unforgotten." I maintain that I have made up this word, as I do not recall encountering it anywhere. I am considerably attracted to it, as I think it expresses better than any other word the central theme of the novel. Note that it has a somewhat different connotation from "Remembered."

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The Sokol Colloquium went off in good style this spring. I went to the dinner and heard one of the sessions. You must plan to attend this event some year, preferably next year or soon thereafter. I think you owe it to yourself, the Colloquium, and the law school to put in an appearance at least once.

Keep me posted on your doings and let me know sometime about your reactions to the Golden Mean.

Sincerely,

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