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Letters

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Dear Mon:

Many thanks for your Christmas card and message. I am afraid that we were somewhat remiss in getting out cards this year, but I nevertheless send belated best wishes to all of you for the New Year, with the hope that you had a good holiday season.

Jan and I continue to appreciate your offers of hospitality, and we continue to hope that one day we will be in position to accept. As I think I have indicated previously, my European ventures of recent years have been focused on the German courts--chiefly the appellate courts and the judges who sit on them, although this involves ministries of justice and other elements. Here we have the seamless web problem. I am hoping to bring that project to a conclusion in the coming months. Thus, the next time I think I am in position to venture across the Atlantic perhaps it can be to pay a visit to the South of France.

This has been a busy year, although nothing dramatic has happened. Our new graduate program for judges got off to an excellent start, and I am engaged now in planning the curriculum and getting the faculty lined up for the session this coming summer.

We have some interesting weeks ahead with the new Administration coming into Washington. I am hopeful of movement in the right direction, but my guarded optimism is dampened by my sensing that no one is likely to pull any magic tricks out of the hat. I am especially interested

in word about the new appointees in the Department of Justice, below the Attorney General. There are not even any rumors about this at this point.

If you do find yourself in the States or near Charlottesville at any time, by all means let me know. It would be good to have an opportunity to chat and visit with you as leisurely and at length, if possible.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Meador

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