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Dear Ron:

I write to send Christmas greetings to you and your family. I do this in lieu of a Christmas card, as we are behind at this point in our cards, and I did want to get word to you before Christmas. There is no news of a dramatic nature. Much of my time continues to be devoted to the Graduate Program for Judges. Also I find that I am quite occupied in a variety of projects concerning the courts and law reform. Just yesterday, for example, I testified in the House of Representatives on proposals concerning airline disaster litigation. I find that I am running back and forth to Washington with some frequency now to attend a variety of meetings. My writing at the moment is confined to a few miscellaneous papers that are hardly of global significance. Also, I am up to my ears in attempting to prepare a report for LEAA on the entire two-year experience thus far in the Graduate Program for Judges.

I regret to report that Hardy Dillard is not in good shape. He seems to have been becoming increasingly feeble over the last year or two. Earlier this fall he went into the hospital for a stretch and he seemed to be going downhill with a variety of ailments. However, he came out and seemed to pick up for a while. Now, however, he appears to be virtually bedridden, very weak, with breathing problems. Also, I think I detect what I would describe as a loss of the will to live. My observation is that that is a crucial element in borderline situations. I expect to visit him within the next day or two.

The Sokol symposiums each spring have proved a great success. You have done a grand service to the Law School in getting those started and in providing support.

Jan and I are still carrying in mind the hope that someday we will get to your part of the world. When I can foresee such a time, I will certainly let you know. In the meanwhile, please

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keep us in mind if you are to be in this country any time during 1982. We have plenty of space here, and we would be delighted to have you stay with us.

Again, our best wishes for the yuletide and the new year.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Meador

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