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Dear Don,

Having been back from Lisbon less than a month, I have now off for a four-day weekend with wife and one child. Tomorrow we head back, leaving the small 15th century chateau ^{where} we have been staying, surrounded by a genuine moat and nestled up against the Tarn River in the bottom of a deep gorge.

Yours of April 30th came, and I enjoyed it always hearing from you. I appreciate you sending the article. I bought it with me, but have not yet looked at it, as I have been bogged down with an ABA publication on Credit Legal Aspects of International Estate Planning. I shall probably get to the equality report this weekend or next. I appreciate your sending it. Lee Loeriger wrote me that Juris in Africa should be in paperback and just called Justice. I suggested this to Michie, and they liked the idea. Let said they were not properly positioned to market it as all their sales are direct. I suppose it will languish although I thought it was a logical outgrowth of the Puzzle of Equality.

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Your letter of Dec. 11th much of Hardy
and was present, I saw in the International
Herald Tribune that he passed away. I suppose it
will be wrong to say that I shall miss him so little
all great teachers, he made himself a part of me and
I have him with me. Both Hardy and you left
indelible imprints on me. Hardy's contribution 2 thousands of
others must have been just as great. I lunched with him
several years ago - maybe two or three - in Paris. Although he
had aged, the spark was still there. I hope his dying
was peaceful.

Your report of your judges school fascinates me. It
certainly makes more sense to me to do what you are
doing than to do what the French do in making
judges a part of the civil service and trying to
teach them at university age how to become a judge.
While the ^{French} idea has theoretical appeal, it does not, in my
view, adequately take into account the nature of the
human animal and the inexactions of "legal science."
One of the evils French society suffers from is that each
career ascends it, by and large, hermetically sealed off
from every other, and the lateral movement we see
from university to government to private practice or elsewhere
and that is tremendously enriching for all, is here largely
absent. In many ways, intellectual life here generally

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suffer from this structural rigidity.

I have been getting to the states once or twice a year, but have been basically going to Arizona where my parents now spend most of the year and to Oregon where they spend the rest and when my sister and brother-in-law have a vineyard and cherry orchard that I like to farm in when I can. I did get to Atlanta early this year en route to Arizona to spend a weekend with Harry Eckl and his wife whom I had not seen since their marriage in 1962. The spirit apparently came upon Harry as he had long ago given up his pipe, taken up jogging, lost about 15 pounds, and works like a horse seven days a week, a trait which did not characterize him when we roomed together although he was a serious student. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing him again, and the 20 years fell away as though they had not passed. This summer he has agreed to greet my 10 year old and eldest son and put him in a 2 week computer camp in Atlanta.

What I am beginning to get at is that the center of gravity for my trips to the U.S. has,

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for better or worse, shifted from the East and Middle West to the Southwest and Northwest with California as kind of a turning point because many of my French clients have activities there. Nonetheless, you are well in mind and on one of these trips, I shall come via Charlottesville and give you plenty of advance notice. I would like to have a chance to talk to Dick Neumill as I do not know him and to talk to Lilliech about the future of the Colloquium. I was glad to hear that you went to the banquet. I would have liked to have been there, but simply could not work it out.

I would love to spend other days with you just talking.

I hope you and Jean are well. Warmest regards to you both.

As ever,