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Dear Dan,

Upon returning from a 2 week holiday in England in August, I found on my desk a clipping saying you had received the AJS's Justice Award, and I have been ~~was~~ wanting to write to offer my heartfelt congratulations! I have only now had the chance to do so, having come to London with my 11 yr. old ~~son~~ eldest son to put him into an English prep school for a year. That the award should be granted certainly did not surprise me, but I was very glad to read of it. One of my regrets in the past few years is that I have not been able to see you on some sort of regular basis.

Between my parents, both of whom are

still alive and in excellent health - my father going on 84 this November and my mother 78 this month - my wife, my 4 children, my practice, and a variety of personal pleasures, I find the demands on my time have simply been too great for me to be able to keep in close touch with a half dozen or so people of whom 2 are in Charlottesville - you and Al Turnbull. I did make a point the beginning of this yr., I think, of flying to Phoenix where my parents live via Atlanta and spending some time with Wray Eckl whom I had not seen since we left high school 21 yrs. ago!

I promise to correct my neglect if you give me time. I seem to get to the Hokes once or twice a year but usually on a tight schedule because of the conflicting demands I mentioned at the beginning of my letter. On one of these trips

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I shall route myself through
Charlottesville and give you plenty
of advance notice — (if possible).

I think I am now able to
characterize accurately my
practice — it is a small town
practice ~~in~~ ~~inter~~ devoted exclusively
to private international law. This
may sound a bit contradictory, but
it needn't be if one is in the
right small town which I seem
to be. I enjoy the practice and
the life, although the present
French govt. is doing its best
to drive out all the French
managerial class from the country.

Please accept again my warmest
compliments, on your award.

As ever,

