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Dear Cyril.

Just a brief note to let you know the most recent version of my plans.

I definitely plan to be in Washington, D.C. on August 23-24-25. The Office of Education has tentatively asked me to be there on the 25th to discuss their national drug abuse education and training programs. I might get there as early as the 22nd because I have some people I want to visit in various offices.

I also am pretty definitely not going to be in Paris on the 12th. I have decided against that conference in lieu of sightseeing and visiting programs. By the way, do you know of any programs in Europe, either drug education or drug abuse treatment, which are worth a visit. I really don't know where to start.

It would be a good idea to consider briefing some members of Congress about what is going on. I have good connections with representatives Fraser, Frenzel, and Senator Walter Mondale. A while back I carried on a running correspondence with Mondale about the case, and he put his chief legislative counsel, Herbert Jaspers at my disposal. I couldn't make it to Washington, so Harold Weisberg took him to the Archives, spoke with him, and showed him the Zapruder film. Don Fraser (D-Minn.) has seen a shortened version of my presentation at the home of a mutual friend. I have a running relationship with all three offices due to mutual interests in the areas of innovative youth services and drug abuse.

If a press conference is to be held, I would again like to suggest the use of visual aids. Slides would be possible, drawn from the collections of Dave Liften and myself. Diagrams, however, might be better. I think that without a brief review of the setting in Dealy Plaza, the position of the car, etc. it would be difficult to discuss any of the real issues. Without them one could only talk about discrepancies between reports, something the media and public aren't typically interested in. Harold blew a big press conference out here with that kind of stuff.

Well, I'd better go if I'm going to get this in the mail. Ned Chesby is doing some memos for you which you should get in the near future. I hope this finds you in good health and spirits.

Regards,

  
Gary Scheener