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Dear Val,

I am sorry that I caused your mind to boggle, but I often mix my metaphors...It is one of the small luxuries available to those of us who are not eligible for \$5,000. credit at the Sands Hotel...Having become sadly overspecialized during the last few years, I am unacquainted with the works of Ilya Ehrenburg...But since you are always entirely too kind about my poor efforts, I suspect that I don't really merit the honor you suggest...And I am embarrassed to admit that I don't remember Senator Smith's declaration of conscience...although I do recall her more recent fervor to deploy American Boys to prospective battlefields...The press clippings and the calendar of days are appreciated, and I thank you for them. Keep the faith, baby...as they say in the National Archives.

Judith