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Dear Harold,

Thanks for your letters of the 5th and the 10th. I did receive a copy of Bob Cutler's paper, which is, as you say, well-intended. As for Dick's piece, I will ask him for a copy the next time I hear from him.

I did not see any story in the NY Times on Ray and his brother's visits, but there was an item in the NY Post and I enclose a xerox of it herewith.

Your request for UN documents on the Cuban Missile crisis is not quite so simple. I have ordered a bound volume of the official records of the Security Council for 1962 in the hope that the items you mentioned are contained therein; but it is out of stock and has to come from the warehouse, which will take a while. When it comes, I will send it on to you.

The General Assembly, which opened two weeks ago, is beginning to pick up momentum. The next few months will be quite fierce, for which I am rather glad as leisurely spells at the office seem to coincide with feelings of discouragement and dejection. It will be healthier to be kept extremely busy, even if not on the subject(s) on which life has been centered since Dallas. One of my assignments places me in the same committee as Shirley Temple Black, about which I can muster no excitement. She is at once innocuous and medieval in her view of the world--which seems to be somewhat to the right of Curtis Le May.

What is more interesting is the presence, on the list of delegates of the U.S.A., of the name William T. Coleman. I don't know yet what his assignments will be or whether they will coincide with my items. Under the circumstances that prevail during the General Assembly, I may never even lay eyes on him by the time we adjourn, around the third week of December. And, indeed, just what good would it do me if I did have an opportunity to approach him? Considering the dismal experiences we have all had with other WC lawyers, it is not promising.

No news otherwise. I did not know that Tink Thompson had made his films or photos available. As you may know, he is on a fellowship in Denmark and will not be back in this country for another year.

About Bob Cokene--I am heartsick to tell you that he developed chronic leukemia, almost a year ago, and has been quite ill much of the time with hepatitis produced by transfusions. What more can I say? You will know what a blow this is, to all of us. Please treat this as confidential, as it would be very unfortunate if anything got back to Bob.

I hope that the IRS has left you by now. This sort of nuisance (even when innocent), you don't need. And I hope that you are feeling better.

As ever,