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Dear Harold,

I do appreciate your having suggested me as one of the three panelists or debaters for the Advocates program, as related in your confidential letter of the 13th. I do not know what my circumstances will be in 1973, as indeed no one of us can know, but if you do need a reaction this early I am inclined to say no. You are well aware that I have become increasingly fuzzy about the evidence. I ~~was~~^{no} longer feel that I have an authoritative command of the facts. I do know that I am not a skillful debater, especially when I am inhibited by the knowledge that my adversaries are dishonest, ignorant, and thoroughly unprincipled. I do not think that I could make as effective a contribution as, say, Leo Sauvage or Cyril Wecht. I have heard them both in debate, on the case and on other subjects, and they are first-rate adversaries. I feel sure that Howard would be very effective and I am glad that you suggested him.

It appears that we have still another "loner" and would-be lone assassin. I am willing to start a new file folder on Arthur Herman Bremer but I am running out of space faster than they are running out of "loners".

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

cc Howard