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Dear Al,

I think we had a good day today, balancing the breaks for us with those against.

The "bad" news: Mason out of town. However, he has definitely written to another general for the by-line. I feel there is a good chance everything will be okay.

Also "bad" news is the time you picked to want Washington by-lines. Almost everybody in politics is out of time during the informal recess of Congress.

However, here is the good news: We will probably have a piece for the symposium by Senator Murray, one of the most progressive Senators. I have spoken with his son, who is his secretary. The Senator is out of town until Wed. am, but the son is "sure" we'll be able to get this contribution in plenty of time for a Friday deadline. Tentatively, 500 words, you can cut but if you change you'll submit proofs to M. for approval of changes.

Congressman John Coffee of Washington, leader or chairman of the House of Representatives "liberal bloc" has agreed to make a contribution. After I spoke to him today he asked me to drop around in a few days when he's got a little more time.

I spoke to one of Sabath's secretaries today, and he was all for the idea. Sabath is out in Chicago, where he has had a death in the family. His office here will communicate my request to him, and if agrees to do a little piece - I recommended 200-400 words - I asked them to get him to wire them to you from Chicago press collect. They said they would. I hope he'll do it, but maybe he'll still be sitting schivah too late to do it. Enclosed is a copy of my letter to him.

The Public Health situation is as follows: The guy I saw is going to be unable to see Dr. Wonderlehr today, and will be out of town tomorrow. He'll see the doctor Wednesday and then get in touch with me. His photographer will be available to us in a week. Incidentally, the press fellows here rather liked the balance P.S. struck, he said.

Because you said you'd send me a check this week, here are my expenses for the past three weeks or so: (They're not much, but I thought we might clear the decks) Cabs, \$2.10; phones 0.55; stamps, 0.49; envelopes 0.88; car use, 2.20; messenger 0.60. Total \$6.82, to and including today.

I'll post you on developments tomorrow. I asked Capt. Frazier to see if the piece couldn't be done in anticipation of the by-line, and he said he'd check on this, too.

Yours,

Harold Weisberg