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Dear Ben,

Thanks for what you say in your 6/26. I appreciate it. If I did not tell you, I sent your beautiful tribute to Joe Labovaky.

To the limited degree now possible for me I stay busy the way I have for more than two and a half decades. Recently it includes trying to make a record that the coming Oliver Stone JFK assassination extravaganza is false and makes a phony hero of a tragic villain, Jim Garrison. (With some success, I add.)

Somewhat related is a letter I wrote in haste and hope is self-explanatory. Ed is making copies now and we'll enclose one.

Your article on the changing role of the secondary school principal in the USSR is quite interesting. I'm glad to see that so many who never experienced what it is have so good a concept of freedom.

I suppose I should not be surprised that their schools have increasing behavioral problems.

I found the article so interesting I'm giving it to a local history professor who is a close friend.

If you get to either Baltimore or Washington we are from most parts of each city only about an hour so I hope you can make it.

I can't safely drive that distance and haven't driven out of Frederick for almost 15 years. I am driven to Baltimore for examinations at Johns Hopkins and that is about the extent of my being away.

It may interest you to know that that University has not admitted students based on SATs for some years. I learned this when I was there for the first of the operations on me there. It impressed me. They have a more rounded interest, in other than test results. I like that!!

Our best,

Harold

June 26, 1991

Dear Harold --

Your letter was a great comfort to me. I didn't expect Sam Silver to share my tribute to Mary with others, but I'm glad he did. Your response was magnanimous and I thank you for it.

I, too, am sorry you never met Mary. And I met her by chance. After my divorce in 1959, I came across the fact that a young lady was editing a magazine in education - in direct competition with the publications that I was editing and publishing in Washington. I decided to meet her; and to convince her we join forces. I soon learned she had every attribute of a great person. We had 32 wonderful years together...

My trip to the USSR has generated two articles so far, and more on the way, if I keep my strength. I'm enclosing a rather specialized piece - but it's the specialized pieces that sell. The rest you can read in the daily papers.

You seem to be a source of never-ending historical narrative, and I'm glad it'll be preserved.

Let's keep in touch and should fate have it so, I may someday be in Frederick.

My best wishes to you,



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