

Dear Eger,

10/26/89

However it turns out, and I hope with success, you'll feel better for starting your own law practise, May I suggest that some of the D.C. lawyers just starting up take criminal cases assigned by the courts? I don't know exactly how it works but they are paid and they get criminal experience.

Sounds like lots of work, what you are doing to get set up. Much more complicated than years ago. So many lists just to check!

I don't know about any UPI story marking the 25th year of the Warren Report and I can't think of any reason you should go to any trouble to get me a copy. My friend Jerry McKnight did one that some scholastic press service placed in a few papers, including the Balt. Evening Sun and the Houston Chronicle. Maybe I sent you a xerox. Unless you see something special in it. That it was a good piece is a pleasant surprise.

Travel into town to use the library I remember very well may not be what you'd like to be doing but it gives you time to read and think. My early morning walking (and resting!) therapy would be a real bore if I couldn't read and listen to the car stereo when I'm resting. And I can and do think while walking. How long does your trip take and how far is it? I have in mind that a small FM set with good earphones, which I can give you, might make those trips more pleasant. The one I have in mind also plays tapes. Not much bigger than a tape until it expands to accept the tape. Decent quality. Uses one or two AA cells and they can cost little is you recharge the kind made for that. I can also give you a ~~axx~~ charger. I have two. Think about it and you can see it when you are here. The aerial is in the headphones cord.

I had a glance at Jim Harr's book and declined to do what Carroll & Graf asked me to do. I just returned the thing with a few comments that I'm sure were not appreciated. They had already announced it and had it in their catalogue when they asked me. What I told them, in essence, is that from just skimming it, rather a few parts, I could see problems for them and they made no further inquiry. Don't waste money on it. No good. I would not even have skimmed any of it if a friend who has his office on the same floor had not suggested to them that they ask me to read it, which they didn't do, and what they offered was close to insulting. So I asked for nothing and that is what I got. I'd once done a similar job for that friend and saved his client potential trouble. Fake book. But it made a pot and did much harm.

I rarely hear from Colloff. He sometimes switches jobs and I don't hear from him until he's switched again. I think the last I heard he was in Houston-7930 Roanoke Run, #105, 78240. This is to say that he's been with you as with me and there is no cause for it. Just the way he's been for some years.

Somehow the word has gotten around in bookstores that High Treason is being suppressed! The manager of the area Walden stores, a friend who saw me for the first time in several months this morning, told me she was trying to get a suppressed book for me. When she told me the title I told her how to get it and then phoned from home to give her Kingstone's box number. She's heard of other stores that have calls and don't know how to get it.

I'm a bit tired from some work I enjoyed, only I got careless and forgot how easily I hemorrhage. I had a good-size stack of brush and branches and a trailer load of it so I went out with my folding chair and spent an hour and a half breaking it up and chopping what I could not break with a machete. When I washed I saw these two large places where I hemorrhaged from contact so slight I don't remember it while breaking it up. What makes kindling I stack and what is too small for that goes into compost. It takes a long time for wood to rot, even pine and poplar, which most of this is. And now, with enough time to complete it before the evening (excuse the expression) now I'll return to a good book, Hertzstein's Walkheim. Borrowed it from McKnight who got it from the Hood library. They are thinking of adding a floor to the new one to be started soon. Best,

Harold

10/13/89

Dear Herald,

This has got to be quick because I've been
seriously preoccupied for many weeks with starting my
own practice even as I have continued to scout
good job opportunities. I ordered and received my
stationery, announcements and cards, and I have
spent most of my time building a computer database
of prospective target clients. This has involved
triple-checking names, titles and addresses, etc.
Almost done. The next step is printing, licking
and stamping the envelopes. I ordered 300
announcements but it's not enough. Need to
order more. Tired, fatigued from the necessary
research in trade journals, Standard & Poor's, A.M.
Best's directory of insurance companies, directories
of corporate counsel, client lists from my
last firm. Can't afford mistakes - -

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Trying to stretch every dollar to make it count and do the best I can. Worst is hitting the loneliness.

UPI has a story on the anniversary of the war. Good piece; it's yours if you want it. I will have to send it to you via West Mail. It's the only piece I found on the wires.

Need to explain with you that Priority letter you sent me a short time ago.

I do mean to be in touch and to come down, but I want to launch this practice first and see if anyone's interested -- meaning, if I'll be able to generate some fee income in the future to recoup losses and expenses. Oh, in the alternative,

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if a worthy job offer comes through, I'll
be packed and on the train immediately
(OK, just I'll call you), before starting
the job.

Before I close, let me just mention
something that's given me a little concern: I
haven't heard from Jerry Polioff in months.
I have a strange feeling it's not due to
his usually hectic work. If you hear from
him, please try in an indirect, sort of
subtle way to see if something's bothering him.
I value his friendship. Thanks.

Very best regards,

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P.S. 10/21/89

Just to show you how I'm on one
track only, I forgot to send this off.

The biggest problem that has stumped me over the last eight days was getting a line on who's who among Lloyd's of London underwriters and brokers. I finally caught on to a good source of information: The Financial Times of London, but I have to travel back and forth to the Main Branch of the NY Public Library on 5th Ave & 42nd Street (the one with the lions in front) in order to peruse the microfiche. My database contains 397 separate records, with very few duplications, each with company and executive names, phone and fax numbers, addresses, various codes and comments. I have it rigged to print out envelopes, which I will do this week. Jim Mass' book is out. Again, best regards. Russ