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Dear Don,

The 15th is o.k. but Bud's office really isn't. He did not say "no" but he was embarrassed so I have made other arrangements, reported them back to him, and he was pleased.

There is no reason not to meet with him and Jim but neither can get into anything with you on the Ray case with this without the most serious problems. I thought I'd explained this. For them it would be professionally improper. More so with what the appeals-court decision focused on.

You do not say when you will get to Washington. I remember you said you'd be on a speaking tour in the east. If you are or if you have cancelled that and are flying in from the coast, I can meet you at either National or Dulles. Dulles is a little out of the way for me but the cab is high. Except for the time at the airport, the extra time to and from National is about 10 minutes each way. Not much more. I can come into Washington on that side of the river from where I live.

If you would like me to meet you, please let me know where and when.

This should also simplify getting together and would give us a few minutes more time.

I will be prepared to spend the day.

Perhaps it would be good if you would let one of us know your schedule. Something of considerable importance for me is in the works - has been for months. Some time this coming week I'm to be told a meeting has been set up. This was working before I got your card. While the odds are against that particular day, I'll have to travel. I'll try to see to it that there is no conflict, but perhaps it can't be avoided. So, if anything like this develops, suppose you are not home when my letter reaches you?

The advantage of letting Bud know is that he has an efficient secretary and someone is always in his office. He'll know my ~~schedule~~ schedule on this matter.

While the probability of conflict is small and I do not expect it I think it better to anticipate even the unlikely so it will present no problems.

Sincerely,

Dear Harold:

How are you?

I can get to Washington
on Monday April 15.

Could we meet at Bud's
office and then, perhaps,
spend the day?

I will be ready to draw up
an agreement.

Peace,
W. Speed