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Dear Robert,

I've just returned after an intensive 3-day trip, two in Memphis. The coming week is heavily jammed with reporters coming here and I'm writing a new book. So, before the flood, a hasty note on the 21st.

Last month the suggestion of a friend that I stay with him and use cabs with the money I'd pay a hotel worked out well. I've asked him if I can do it again. If I can I will because it will be better. More so because my braces, which were wrong from the first, have been giving me increasing trouble as they stretch. They twice been replaced by worse ones and I'm getting fitted again tomorrow in D.C. Instead of supporting once they slip they drag me down.

I expect to leave here early a.m. the 18th, to be with two reporter friends at least until evening, and to work at Dell the next morning for as long as needed. I don't know if I'll have any meetings on the new book. Regardless I want to see Chris and the kids and for us to get together prior to the program. But it may have to wait until the 21st. It would be better if I return that day, or evening. Or night. I think Floyd will meet a late train and take me home.

I've written Program Corp and asked that the contract be ended because of their non-performance. They also have not returned my January expenses. I'd like to ask that Hunter pay me and I deduct what they owe me and forward them the rest. I have a record of it and as you know they had nothing to do with the Hunter deal except to louse it up with more non-performance. They have not responded but there hasn't been that much time. I wrote them last week.

Had a note from Peter a while back. He was unhappy, as I would have been and once was, over a lousy printing job. Haven't seen the book but suppose it is not out. He appears to have had either proofs or an advance copy.

Whether the nuts and self-seekers have ruined everything with Congress remains to be seen. They have, leaving only the question can this extensive damage be repaired. I won't make an effort until they have thoroughly destroyed all credibility with all those who may be responsible. They may have left is hopeless but there was no possibility of competing with them and there was no possibility of what might, were not one dealing with sharks, of collaborating. They also made it impossible to begin with because it would have been incompatible with their selfish purposes. Floyd seems to have taken it hard even though he knew the probabilities. I think the hard part was the utter incompetence he personally observed.

Our best,