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Dear Bud,

It may interest your Sierra Club friends to know that a seemingly competent and sincere lawyer is planning a large class-action suit on noise pollution not involving industrial or aviation. I have been in touch with him, or rather the contrary, as adversaries.

However, the adversary part should be disposed of rapidly and we anticipate collaboration on his class action. We have the beginnings of a relationship through my high school and college friendship with his brother and our common dislikes of others.

If he files this action, I will be able to help him and shall.

A week ago, by the way, I had a phone call from another federal attorney in Baltimore who should be in touch with me in a week or so to further explore the existing suit, with the continuing view to out-of-court settlement.

It is not possible for me to take the time to seek amicus curiae, but if this does go to trial, I think it possible precedent will be set, as in the first suit. It is an added burden I should not bear, not alone, that is, for too many others can be affected. I think it possible this is one of the reasons the government is willing to settle out of court, knowing, as they now do, that there is no Commission-Warren hangup in my representation.

Sincerely,