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Mr. Abe Fortas
Canal Square
Georgetown
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Fortas,

Today's Washington Post says you are resuming the practise of law for three stated purposes, "enjoy life, do some good and have some fun".

I write because I believe I can offer you all three possibilities in an area and a manner you cannot imagine.

The opportunity to do some good, I am certain, you will agree is without question. I think you will also find it a kind of "fun", a distinctive variety, and much more. The enjoyment I can offer I would not describe as of life but as of what you would do and what it, in turn, would do, for you as well as for me - and for the country.

This may sound like some kind of sales talk to you, but if you can remember me after more than 20 years I think you will understand it is not. I can tell you how you can establish my bona fides with a few phone calls.

Or, in a few minutes pretty much at your convenience, for I am but an hour away, I can outline it to you. Unless you are an entirely different man than I think, you will want more than just a few minutes, whether or not you decide to go further.

I think it only fair to warn you, however, that if you interest yourself you may well wind up making John Mitchell and Richard Kleindienst two of the unhappiest men in the country. Is it possible you might not want to do this?

I do hope you will want to speak with me, for whatever time you may desire.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg