

Dear Jim,

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Your yesterday's mailing that includes a number of 6th circuit items came today. I've not had time to read it. My visitor left after four days that did not really tire me until after he left I realized it. I suppose it is because of what is riding on whether his recommendation is accepted. If it is I'll not have to increase my debt to bring PM out and I'll be able to reprint at least the first of the two books getting close to the bottom of the stack. (Decreased orders for about two weeks.)

I've calculated the risk in this and have taken it because those I'm dealing with I regard as friends and within my experience are valuable and trustworthy friends. Time will tell and I'll await that time.

He was bleary-eyed when he left. He worked quite hard.

Maybe I'll be revived enough to get back to the writing in the a.m. After this letter, which really has other purposes, I think I'll turn in. I guess Leiser won't come tomorrow because he didn't phone today.

It now seems that we'll be getting together again Saturday. Unless what Floyd seems to have pulled comes apart. If I don't see Al I think I'll use the bus. I'm to know tomorrow if they want me to meet Al. If he doesn't take a reg-eye they won't need me. It would be helpful if I could bring back with me the clear copies of those documents you believe I should have in the appendix and any recommendations. If Leiser doesn't come and if there are no emergencies I'd like to get on the appendix next week. Meaning also I hope to finish the writing this week.

If you were not home when Floyd called, as he said he would when I asked him, or if he did not feel as boastful as I think he was entirely to feel, you may be interested in what I recall of what he said when I was deep into all this other stuff and he called me. It was kind of cute.

First he told me of the accomplishment, that NSA wants Al, you and me to speak Saturday. Not that they want to throw the thing out and are offended, as they were when he called in some consternation the other day. But as officially part of the program, not even independent. After giving me a few details on this he said he'd had a little help. And then after a few more he said he didn't even have to use all the arguments I suggested. I don't know which I enjoy more, his cuteness about it, his willingness to listen, the ability with which he did it or the fact that it worked. Perhaps it will have some significance but I'm not depending on it except that I think it may well be quite good for the future. (For the future you may want to remember the name of the young woman, an office, who was up here. I suggested that he seek her out. He says that she told him that three weeks ago there'd have been no chance. She is Sunny Wise, both phon. I don't know her office.) If I understood him while I was also directing my visitor to files and Lil to copying, he went into the thing with 100% of the hierarchy against him and came out with 100% of the executive committee or whatever decided for him.

If he did not get you, he's going away for a few days and he needs it. He isn't even concerned about the Maryland resolution passing and he doesn't think he'll find any fires to be put out. Great. He needs the rest.

It may work out upbeat. First overcoming the overwhelming odds and then three to talk about successes - how to do it, how it was, how it can be - and not just b.s. The situation could be a good buildup for it.

Aside from the appendix I want to suggest that it would be good if you and Al can get together. I don't think it will present any other than scheduling problems - when he flies back and how much time he needs with his own people. You don't have to go through with anything I suggest but I'll be hearing from his people and I will suggest that it would be good for the two of you to be able to see more of each other than on the same platform.

Best,