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Dear Harold,

Thanks for your latest note, & always appreciate getting the clippings. I read recently where the top high school basketball team in the country is a private school in Frederick, led by special olympian son.

My art history course is quite interesting. On two weeks thus far, two nights a week for two hours each, we have covered migration art in the middle ages, Landings, Ottoman, and Renaissance. It is difficult, but well worth it. We have on first year Wednesday, where we have to identify slides and write essays about them.

Part of what motivated me to take the course was wanting to understand more about medieval architecture. Due to having seen Westminster Cathedral in 1967, and the Washington National Cathedral in next years, and wanting to understand more about them. We have just begun to get into architecture. It is pretty complex. I am planning on taking something spring quarter as well, but myself, an education graduate level course, I may retire to a second career in spa and want to take all I can now.

I have purchased a book about Amistad and will follow up on seeing the film from New Spain's eye by reading it when I get done with the mystery. I'm reading and the book book.

Frankly, the book book is quite dry. While I believe the gist of the character analysis, and especially about Joe, Sr., there is a lot of fill-in and reference. I think he clearly stated and, of course, most of what he has wouldn't stand up in court; but it doesn't have to I guess. He identifies the alleged "first wife" of JFK; the first I've seen it. Much is consistent with what I have read in biographies. I have no doubt that Joe's involvement in liquor importing after prohibition didn't just happen without prior contacts, but I don't think he made his fortune from it - just added to it. I don't think you would do a job to do it well or have some lasting contribution to society. I think he was ego-driven and sought to overcome racial prejudice of the Irish when he was growing up. (over)

Stephen has his second basketball game for 6th graders today and pictures for the team.  
We have Monday off and final exams for students at work this week. Then a new semester. Hard to believe another half academic year is over.  
Take care. Sincerely,  
Dave

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