

Mr. John Masland
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3/25/92

Dear John,

I appreciate the time you took to get the quote from Federalist25 but you misunderstood me. I am well aware of it and have that page marked so from time to time I can quote it with complete accuracy.

What I'd said is that while Hamilton used the sentence to apply to the army it has wider application, such as the one I gave it not referring to the army. I've never used it with reference to the army, in fact.

Dave phoned me for another reason. He was delighted to get the pictures because the timing was perfect. A public TV crew was due soon after he got it and he planned to air it.

Every time I think of the founding period and the founding father I think all over again that we were truly blessed that they included, in my opinion at least, the world's greatest political thinkers

and my! what a gift for words so many of them had!

Thanks and best wishes,



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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Regarding our conversation of 14 March 92 and the quote from *The Federalist*...I have just come upon my notes to remind me to look it up....the quote you were suggesting was in fact in # 25 prepared by Hamilton and was referenced to a discussion of powers necessary to the common defense...it follows:

...As far as an army may be considered as a dangerous weapon of power, it had better be in those hands of which the people are most likely to be jealous than in those of which they are least likely to be jealous. For it is a truth, which the experience of ages has attested, that the people are always most in danger when the means of injuring their rights are in the possession of those of whom they entertain the least suspicion.

Sorry I lagged on getting back to you on this but the note got caught in the bottom of my briefcase and I just this evening discovered it.

I mailed copies of the photos to Dr. Wrono so he should be in receipt of them this week.

Regards to Mrs. Weisberg.

Sincerely,



John W. Masland