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Senator Charles Mathias
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Dear Mac,

Thanks for your note of the 11th. I know that you stay busy, and that when you missed that (real or fancied) heart attack, you were busier than usual. I have been keeping up with your efforts at political diplomacy. Personally, given my opinion of the beneficiaries if you had succeeded, I am happy that they rebuffed you. The public service has been debased enough. The roughness of the rejection of your wise suggestion (in terms of their interest) merely fortifies my already-low opinion of them. There is not much that can be said for the unsuited and arrogant when they are also incapable of accepting wise and entirely unselfish counsel.

You write, "I would like to talk with you sometime, as you suggest, and perhaps we can get together before too long." To this end I tell you my schedule for going to Washington, although I would make a special trip if you so desire. I have a late-afternoon appointment the 24th, Lil and I have dental appointments in northwest the morning of the 25th, and I have a 5 p.m. medical appointment, also out in northwest, on the 1st. + leave for visits to several jails on the morning of the 6th and a confrontation scheduled but I do not expect to materialize with Gerold Frank on TV. After the appointment on the 5th I'll have to return immediately to pack and prepare for the trip.

If it is not possible for you to find time any of these days, or if you do not want me to make a special trip on another day, please do not feel that it is necessary to write. That would waste time you do not have and your staff has other things to do. I will take your silence to mean that for this period you just do not have time.

Our best to Ann and the boys. (If they are fishermen, bet it will blow their minds to see our large-mouth bass and golden trout surface and look when they hear the human voice.)

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg