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Dear Don, *Don*

Many thanks for keeping me informed. My prelims are over and I now have a few days of respite before I leave for Dallas. As you might imagine, I have thousands of letters to answer, calls to make, and files to put together for that trip. Prelims, which I think I passed, really took the wind out of my sails, and left me in pretty bad shape both emotionally and physically. It has taken several days to recuperate.

I am looking forward to hearing from Forman, although I don't agree with his analysis of the wounds. The correspondence with Mondale has been rewarding and Harold recently briefed his legislative counsel in the archives. They are on our side but can't do much. Two Justice Dept. men just happened to be waiting for them in the archives and stayed through the showing of the film. They said that they were on both official and unofficial business when Harold asked (he guessed that they were Justice Dept. from their appearance, and they confirmed it).

If you need to reach me while I am in Dallas or have things for me to do there, write me c/o Mary Ferrell.

You are lucky ~~to~~ to be in Berkeley rather than out here in the land of ice and snow. Paul Hoch, Hal Verb (who I have met), Jim Schmidt, et. al. are top notch researchers and have done much valuable but uncredited work. They have prepared countless research-aids--indexes, lists, etc.--which are invaluable. If you have time out there you should be able to put your knowledge and talents to some good use.

I am hoping to see Betzner and get copies from that negative with Nichol's help, and do some other investigations on the way down. I am still trying to dig out those old dusty files of things I would do if and when I got to Dallas.

Well, I'd better close now. Best of luck in graduate school...the women and the weather require little luck out there. Drop me a line when you get the chance.

cc:Paul Hoch