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Dear Karen,

Last night I did get an invitation to the NYU law school symposium. It appears to ~~me~~ be as at Boston U, not a school function.

I had expected to turn this invitation down when I'd been told that I'd accepted before being asked but for what I decided are good reasons Jim Casar urged me to go so when my conditions were met I agreed.

They are to pay my transportation costs in advance and provide a decent but not expensive hotel and nominal sums for food. (The latter limitations are mine, not theirs. I don't live it up and won't on the money of others.)

They will do this in advance so I'll not be laying out money I don't have.

And it is agreed that I'll say what I want to say, not have a subject assigned.

However, the dates are ~~4/22~~ 4/22 through 4/24. This means I'll probably have to leave the 21st. And I'll probably stay in New York an extra day to try to do other things that need the effort.

It also means that they picked exactly the same days you did.

Unless they back out on the arrangements I'll be going.

To say what needs saying.

I think it will be provocative.

And it is past time for this saying.

I don't know when your school ends. As of now the only other day I know I'm tied up is 4/30 when I have to be in court to help a young man who got into trouble.

So you can do your planning. Let me tell you exactly where we are. A friend who used to live right in Pittsburgh once told me his driving time was four hours. He used to use various roads. I believe the fastest is I70N. Well, we are about five minutes from its first Frederick exit.

For the future let me tell you that this exit merges into the old road westward from Washington, US 40 W, abreast of where we are. It is important to take this first Frederick exit or you'll drive around needlessly and waste time.

So you'll be coming off of I70N into the eastbound lane of US40W. As soon as you do get into the left-hand of this lane's two lanes because you will immediately cross over at the very first cross-over. It is directly opposite and leads into a small country road, Bowers Lane. Take it for about a half mile to Shookstown Road, where there is a stop sign and an apparent dead end. Turn left about three city blocks to the first cross road, Old Receiver Road. Turn right on it for .3 miles and we are in the patch of woods on the right, the house hidden from the road. It is marked by a new, large mailbox that has no name stencilled on it and a white Washington Post box on top on which my name is crayoned. A few carlengths past these boxes is the entrance to our lane.

There is an unclearly marked fork on Old Receiver Road. At it stay to the left.

We can't be more than a mile from the I70N exit. Thus you can figure your travel time.

Perhaps when you know the time a long weekend can be a substitute. If nothing alters my present plans.

My wife's daily employment ends the middle of the previous week. She does not yet know if she'll be working two days a week thereafter as she did last year and the year before.

You will know what your possibilities are. My purpose is to help you figure out what you'd like to do. While I am generally home, there infrequently are these kinds of developments. I prefer not to leave home because I ~~like~~ to get back to writing and that can't happen if I allow other work, like making and mailing packages, to accumulate. The only other event I can now anticipate is a trip to Los Angeles to do a TV show. They'll pay my expenses and I'll stay in L.A. a couple of days and will return ~~via~~ via San Francisco. While I'm away I try to do all I can so I don't know how long I'll actually be gone. Probably a week unless there is some kind of good luck.

That show tapes Mondays and Tuesdays. Best regards,