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Dear Harold:

Thank you for your very thoughtful note and for your good wishes on Catch.

Your new place sounds very nice, and I wish you and your wife the best of luck in it. You are entitled to some happy days.

As you can see from the letterhead, we have just recently moved, too, mainly to give the kids better schools. They will be leaving for camp in a week or so. May I put away the directions you kindly sent until after they have returned and I have my current book manuscript out of the way?

Best regards,



Richard J. Whalen

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Dear Dick,

Relet 5: fine. Any time. And if one of those days that sometimes hits us all, when it just refuses to come, make you want a change, call to see if we're home. We are not generally away for long if there is no answer. I go to DC as infrequently as I can. Monday I was at ABA, returned past your old place, and knew you had either moved or changed cars backwards.

Don't know what your new work is, but don't forget I'm not a one-subject writer, and my experience in Washington goes back to the New Deal days. If I can help, of course I will.

When you come, bring the camera if you'd like a picture showing that what you may remember I was able to do with honkers can be done with bass. Or, a close equivalent. I don't regard my pond as fit for humans and haven't undertaken the enormous task of cleaning it when the road can drain into it because we have a 40-foot pool. So, the bass don't take the bread from my mouth. Next thing. And they follow around the shore, on the surface.

What was ^{dis}played at ABA was depressing. Mostly crap. Interestingly, however, paperbacked freebies of to-be-published novels on political conspiracies, one by Harper, one by Lippincott. There are a few new small publishers, but what I saw of their stands, not their lists, was not exciting. This a.m.'s (Post) account of the Mizer fillibuster, as of his subject, are what I would expect of him. I confronted such a fillibuster once. It got pretty wild. I don't think I have ever lost my cool as much. Or that he will ever forget it. He lost his taste for debating and had he canned from the TV one then set. To me he typifies the kind of corruption that next to the political most endangers society. I'm really an old fogey at heart.

We look forward to your finding time to come up.

Good luck with the new one and best regards,