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Dear Stone:

I am greedy for the full text of your Tobacco dissent. The extracts in the Times whets my appetite. (Incidentally the meagre reports in the papers of such a matter which any really first-rate journalist, with a nose for news could make more exciting than most of their front-page stuff, sheds not a little light on why such skullduggeries are possible.) Evidently you have spoken out with a clarity and a concreteness and a courage that will make some gentlemen squirm who should squirm and leave an abiding record for history.

Of course I note with great interest the sensitive regard of the Old Guard for the jurisdiction of state courts and their desire to be restrained in the scope to be given to diversity jurisdiction: It is strange, of course, that this sensitiveness should be employed in this particular case. But then coincidences do so capriciously happen in this world. And my imagination is even equal to realizing how it must have pained the moral nature of the Chief to be prevented by technical "jurisdictional" requirements from expressing his moral indignation at the facts you set forth in your opinion.

With warm regards,

Faithfully yours,

F. F.

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