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John

Yours,

In the unlikely event that you have absolutely nothing else to do, a critique of the PD piece would be welcome. If there is anything I can do for you, let me hear.

The enclosed CYRUS EATON AND THE NEW YORK BANKERS, a very preliminary, truncated sample of the book I have in mind, was accepted by the PD some time back and will run in the Perspective section of a forthcoming Sunday PD. It can help me pitch the book to publishers starting with Knopf which, years ago, asked me to try a book. At the time the old man would have none of it, and I understand E.J. Kahn, Jr., of the New Yorker had the same idea and met the same fate. I am far from finished on the research end.

I can't tell you how badly I feel about the sorry news in today's PD. Words, for once, fail me. The odds seem formidable. I hope you keep smiling even when you don't feel like it and win out in the end.

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