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Dear Albie,

Coming back to Germany last month I found the note you wrote me on your way to London and which you mailed somewhere in Sweden. I was glad to hear from you because we did not have the chance to talk before you left New York. Sure I would like to have your comments on my modest paper and its approach to the problem of group libel; maybe it is worth to work more on it and bring it on a level for publication one day. Don't hesitate to tell me if you think it is not.

Another reason I would have liked to meet you again is that I don't want to miss to tell you how much I liked the constructive way you gave your comments on the students' oral presentations in class. Your critical comments were sharp, direct and clear and did not try to gloss over the weaknesses of a presentation; at the same time they did not hurt because your intention to give positive, critical support in the first place was clearly felt. During my rather extensive academic education I did not meet many teachers with such an ability for positive, critical honesty (or however you may call it in English). This is not to flatter you (even though it does) but to give you some feedback; I thought it might interest you.

I hope you have a good conference at Columbia in September and I regret that I do not have the chance to be there. But for the moment I have to finish my dissertation here in Germany and this has high priority. If you ever need the assistance of a German lawyer, feel free to call or write me; especially for international and comparative criminal law we have excellent research facilities here at the Institute in Freiburg.

Give my best regards to Prof. Greenberg. I hope you are well and will find the time to send me some comments.

Best wishes

Alfred Könschner

