

February 9, 1970

Appellate Judges' Conference
1155 East 60th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

Peace Corps is in the process of broadening its scope. It is not that it is abandoning the ideals which attracted thousands of mainly young Americans to serve others, but that it wishes to permit many more who have heretofore been discouraged from serving with Peace Corps -- older people, technically qualified people -- to now qualify as Peace Corps Volunteers, Volunteers who serve the countries to which they go, the United States and themselves.

One of the areas Peace Corps has the chance to occupy is that associated with the law. For example, a number of recently graduated lawyers are now working in Micronesia as legislative counsels, but they also work toward developing a code of justice and institutions to serve it. But, wouldn't it be nice if some men who have already evinced a devotion to the law as an organic process could be melded into this and similar groups in other countries? In many cases, it would be as if one were given the opportunity to participate at Runnymede or the establishment of the Inns of Court.

Both Joseph Blatchford, the Director of Peace Corps, and I are lawyers. We have a peculiar affinity for those matters concerned with jurisprudence. I intend to be in the Chicago area on March 2nd, and would welcome the opportunity of discussing with your organization the possibility of your members.

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those serving in retirement as well as those preparing for retirement, assuming the role of Peace Corps Volunteers in various countries around the world -- a task short in physical comfort or economic rewards, but long in these areas of social utility where the bar and bench have long and proudly been in the vanguard.

If you believe there would be any value in such a meeting, please advise me at your earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Houser
Deputy Director

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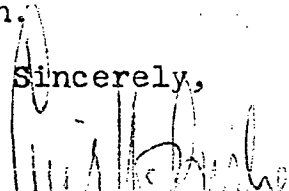
Mr. Thomas J. Houser
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Houser:

Thank you for your letter of February 9, 1970. I have duplicated it and will present it to the Executive Committee of the Appellate Judges' Conference meeting in Atlanta this week.

Every good wish.

Sincerely,


Louis H. Burke
Chairman

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