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Dear Howard,

A brief note to accompany part 2 of my draft. Now you will have the first full run through of how I see the "overview" chapter. I anxiously await your reactions. I already see considerably problems. For example, part 1 is too hard on the states and does not account for the really significant improvements in some states in recent years. Other sections suffer from too much reliability on too few past experiences. (That is due principally to the fact that documentary stuff I mailed to myself while there has not yet arrived. Why my daughter's phonograph records have come in and my books haven't...I don't know. Anyway I hope to have the opportunity to enrich the stuff by drawing from other sources.

The biggest weakness probably results from my continued ignorance of local conditions. I have tried to put myself in the position of the reader out there. To do so I have had to rely principally on intuition and astrology because I have so little direct information. I hope you can help on this.

My principal plea is for another whack at all this before anything is put to bed.

Frankly I am a bit groggy at the moment. Now it is 9:30 pm and save for lunch and tea I have been at this typewriter since 5:30 this morning. Don't read that as devotion to duty. I simply can't sleep after this early sun comes up here (about 4:40 this morning; it is still light enough to read at my desk without a light). Also my study seems to have been the coolest--should read least hot place in the house. (Yesterday was 96° in London. Hottest June day since 1940). Anyway I am tired and may have missed something in the closing minutes.

I rush to finish this tonight. A friend of my son Josh returns to the states tomorrow via Dulles and I want him to post it there for me. Should save a few days.

Cheers.

Jakes