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ROGER J. MINER  
U.S. CIRCUIT JUDGE  
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Dear Roger:

Congratulations on that truly excellent opinion which you wrote in United States v. Altman.

Obviously, Mr. Altman was not a very nice man, nor an ethical lawyer, nor even a very good impresario. However, you are quite right in stating that none of the mailings, relied upon by the prosecution, was incident to any essential part of the defendant's scheme to defraud the estates. Nevertheless, the other sins of Mr. Altman were quite properly upheld by you and the Court.

Roger, your command of language in these opinions is a joy to read. It is lucid, elegant, and legally sound. Attributes which, unfortunately, can not be written about by some of your Brethren.

With warmest personal regards and deepest affection from Merle and me to Jackie and you,

Cordially yours,

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