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August 1, 1973

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Dear Norman:

I am glad to know from your July 27 letter that you had a clarifying conversation with Maury Rosenberg. For my part, now that I understand that the draft Tom sent him in June has had only limited circulation, I feel less concern.

This exchange led me to look with more care at the draft of May 15. I would suggest that, at the bottom of page 1, we say that "some of the functions...are not being performed by the AALS". On page 5, discussing the part-time Executive Director, the draft speaks of the "advantage of having us represented by one of our own". I think this phrase might well be taken amiss by either Cardozo or Ruud, who assuredly have been among our own. I suppose the sense of what we mean to say would be conveyed by a phrase like "someone actively in teaching".

I agree finally that it will be helpful to have someone representing AALS present when the "core group" meets-- although I hope it won't be thought that we are not also part of AALS, as far as individual law teachers can be so.

Yours as ever,

R. S. Brown

cc: Emerson
Rosenberg

July 27, 1973

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Dear Ralph:

I've had a good talk with Maury Rosenberg, and I assured him that we don't want a battle with AALS. I explained that we will be having a somewhat larger mailing in September designed to test the waters. If the response is favorable, then the core group will meet, probably in November, to decide how to proceed. Maury and I agreed that if there is such a meeting the AALS should be asked to make a presentation to the group if it wishes -- mainly to inform us of all the things it is already doing along the lines of our interests.

Enclosed is a copy of the May statement, which with minor changes will be our September statement.

Yours,

Norman Dorsen

ND:mc
Enc.
cc. Professor Emerson

P.S. I assume you know that Tom wrote Maury in June advising him of our activities. This seemed to us to be ample notice since nothing had yet been decided.