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Dear Jerry:

I wish ~~we~~ might have full talk because the question you raise about yourself is peculiarly unsuited for unilateral discussion, but I do not know when that can be, so I must trust your imagination to render less sharp and more discursive what the pressure of time compels me to put into few words.

Bluntly, I know not what Rex has in mind for you, but I share strongly your doubts about the worth of your continuance in Washington. The Administration plainly has reached a new stage. From now on it must be to a large extent trench warfare. I don't think your temperament and your interests are peculiarly suited to participation in that kind of enterprise, as such. While I have no doubt the job you now have is full of technically interesting and important problems, if that interest is not sufficiently satisfying then I don't think you ought to wear out your heart in doing that technical job. And since eventually you are to go back into practice— unless you teach (and I doubt how much you would like that as a complete diet) — my ~~own~~ instinct is for you to get back as soon and as favorably as you can. There ought to be ample outlets for your experience and your great talents on the private, or semi-dei private ~~side~~ law. What seems to me important is for you to resolve the conflict about staying or returning. Once you have done that I am sure that in due course you will find a satisfying association.

I have thought much, and I think very responsibly about you and your relation to things down there in the light of all the breezes that blow. What I have written above derives solely from my own appraisal of the kind of thing

you are in for, and the particular kind of ground person that you are.

In the interest of time I am sending Julian a copy of this letter so that he may know what my views are.

With warmest regards and good wishes,

Ever yours,

Hon. Jerome A. Frank