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Dear Arthur:

Now that things are slowing down and I am beginning to "decompress," I thought I would drop you a note to say a few things that got lost in the hustle and bustle of the frenetic schedule on which we operated during the trial. When I left Kansas City a few weeks ago, I had no idea that I would not be returning for the remainder of the trial, so I really did not say my "goodbyes" to anyone.

My feelings about the experience are mixed. As you know, being away from home for such extended periods of time takes its toll on many fronts. Add to that the unpleasant experience of trying a case before a hostile judge and one cannot help but hope that the experience will never be repeated again. Nevertheless, I have a lot of positive memories of my Kansas City experience which will, in time, eclipse the negative ones. Above all, I enjoyed working with you and the others in your firm. Given the tremendous pressure everyone was under, I think that the relative ease with which everyone worked together is a testament to the wonderful personalities of each person involved. (Certainly there were moments of "testiness," but that merely kept things interesting.)

You, in particular, went well out of your way to make things comfortable for those of us from LDF. I am grateful for the dinners, guided tours, theatre and concert events, rodeo, basketball games, social functions, float trips, milk shakes and countless other things, big and small, that you did for us. I often marvelled at your ability to maintain such a high degree of energy over a sustained period of time.

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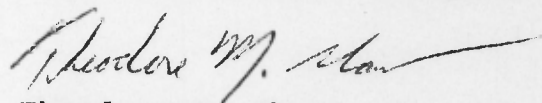
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I shall value our friendship in the years to come.  
Regards to Karen.

Your friend and colleague,



Theodore M. Shaw

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