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DEAR MR. ALLEN:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST KIND AND WELCOME LETTER OF FEBRUARY 20TH ON HOW NOT TO WRITE A LETTER OVER A SCOTCHMAN'S SIGNATURE. YOUR POINTS OF CRITICISM ARE CONCISE, CLARIFYING, CONSTRUCTIVE, AND CONFUCIUSLY COGENT, BUT I CAN'T PROMISE THEY WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL! THIS COCK-EYED WORLD NEEDS SUCH ADVICE TOO BADLY FOR THAT.

HONESTLY THE LETTER IN QUESTION WAS NEITHER A GYP NOR A FORGERY--WELL MAYBE JUST A LEETLE BIT FORGED, BUT THAT WITH McDERMOTT'S PERMISSION. WHAT HAPPENED WAS THIS: MR. T. JACK FOSTER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORMAN COURTS, CALLED MR. McD. AND ASKED IF WE MIGHT SEND OUR GENIAL SECRETARY, F.K., OVER TO GET A LETTER IN OUR BEHALF FROM HIM TO THE AFFABLE BUT RECALCITRANT FORREST C. ALLEN. MR. McD. AGREED AND OVER WENT F.K. IN DICTATING THE LETTER H. V. McD. DESCRIBED OUR COURTS MOST GLOWINGLY BY SAYING THEY HAD RUNNING WATER WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO SAYING THAT THE MUEHLEBACH HOTEL IS MODERN. WHETHER THIS WAS CHARACTERISTIC SCOTCH BREVITY ON H. V. McD.'S PART I DON'T KNOW. HE COULD HAVE HAD IN MIND THAT JUST A DAY OR TWO BEFORE GEORGE EDWARDS AND HIS MISSOURI BOYS HAD STAYED AT THE COURTS AND WERE SO RESTED AND REVIVIFIED THAT THEY

