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Dear Bud --

After our talk I left Paris for two weeks in Budapest; Henry Grunwald, Time's managing editor, was there for several days as well, as I had known he planned to be. You'll understand that it is his judgment of a story -- any story, not just those with a highly emotional political content -- that determines whether it gets into the magazine. I had the chance to discuss c and bw with him, and your campaign, suggesting the two alternatives I had mentioned to you, namely either a "Time essay" about it written by you, or an article on the campaign, the issues, and your role, in the Nation section. He was interested. At the same time he said he has already decided that there will almost certainly not be any more essays written by people who are not on the Time staff: they don't fit the pattern of the rest of the magazine, he thinks, which is true enough, and I suspect they present tough editing problems as well, which Time could not easily learn to solve. Grunwald's decisions are never necessarily absolute, though, and so I will put the essay to him again, in writing, supported by Scientific American and the pieces you sent me. Even if he still says no, that should nail down the minimum objective, at least the Nation section article. You said the Senate debate is in January, so I suggested that as the peg.

Looks like my trip to the states will be late November.
When is your baby due?

Best,

Horace

P.S. Sorry our 'phone connection was a bit odd, at my end anyway: the cyberneticists are saving circuits at the expense of coherence when they put on one of those fifth-of-a-second time delay repeaters, so the satellite knows when you're not continuing to use the line -- but then let you hear the echo yourself, repeating the classical experiment that reduces people to stammering gibberish.

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