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Dear French Scholar,

Thanks for your note. April 3 sounds to me as good a day as any on the calendar, and perhaps we might have by that time less snow, fog, unpleasant weather than we have at present. True enough, we cannot compete with your HEADquarters, but it was bad enough for my taste. So expect you on April 3 and shall try to compose a menu which does not take too much time.

Your noble lady *Quod libet, licet*. Try Samiramis, who is not exactly 16th century, but of whom Dante says: "Che libito fe' licito in sua legge..." *Inf.* V,56. This seems to come from Orosius, *Hist.*, I-4: "quod cuique libitum esset, licitum esset." Goethe, I believe in *Tasso* has the same diction: "Erlaubt ist, was gefällt." It all does not fit the 16th century, but the play with "liber - licet" seems to have been international and intertemporal.

I have just finished my P.U. seminar, the students very good. They wrote very nice term papers (while I was in the hospita! or/and snorkeling) and warmed up the way they should. I am composing *Festschrift* papers on the belt-conveyor: Klauser, Schramm etc. and am, like Queen Victoria, "not amused."

"Health-wise" I am all right so long as it lasts. But I feel my age. And I am longing for a warm climate such as the Virgin Islands.

See you soon.

Love

EKa. **[Signed]**