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Dear Mrs. Sassower,

It was good of you to write concerning my biography of my grandfather.

Your name was a familiar one when I saw it on your envelope for in researching Vanderbilt's papers in the archives at Wesleyan University there was a good deal of correspondence with you concerning his book-in-progress on a History of the Development of the Administration of Justice in the United States. From the amount of materials that you and, I believe, Mrs. Edith Levine, had assembled, it seemed to me like a "magnum opus" even in those initial stages when the work stopped in 1957.

It was very generous of you to offer to share some of your experiences with me. My manuscript is now in a completed third draft form and is being read by Mrs. Fannie Klein, after which we are going to try to seek a publisher. Thus while I'm not in the process of revising or rewriting at this point, I expect I will be in the near future in accordance with a publisher's requirements. I would like very much to meet with you, and although my days are pretty thoroughly tied up with my law school work here, I hope to be able to write you in the coming months to try to arrange a convenient time when we could meet to talk.

I have often felt that Vanderbilt's death was untimely perhaps most significantly in the area of this uncompleted work with which you were involved--the history and the biography of Lord Mansfield he had been researching for many years--for he certainly could have brought a unique perspective to both. As far as I know, to date no similar type of history has appeared. Just out of curiosity, do

you feel from your knowledge of the work that had gone into the history that someone else could get it into shape for publication or would it almost be necessary to start from scratch?

I think you will be pleased to learn that the law school at the University of Virginia is building a strong contingent of women law students and that this year has hired a second woman law professor--slow, but sure progress in the right direction!

Thank you again for your interest in my work.

Sincerely yours,

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