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I have been Covey's junior colleague in international legal studies for over fifteen years. Our collaboration has been a joy.

Covey and I first began to work together in the early 1960's when he was making plans to take a leave for a year in Brazil. In his absence I was scheduled to teach his course in Public International Law and Organization, a field I had not studied since law school days. Before he left, Covey became the teacher to the new teacher—and has been at it ever since.

To tool up for my teaching assignment, I joined Covey and the other Reporters of the ALI's *Restatement (Second) of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States*, as an editor. What an exhilarating experience that was. I spent many Friday night to Sunday night sessions working with Covey and his colleagues to put into concrete from the misty uncertainties of my new field.

In subsequent years, as Covey shuttled back and forth between the law school and diplomatic service, we divided the class work between us. Then the ALI experience led to our collaboration with a fellow Reporter, Dean Joseph Sweeney of Tulane, in making a new casebook, *The International Legal System*. This book reflects Covey's wide-ranging mind, his historical knowledge and political sensitivity, and his marvelous capacity for conceptualization. In addition to making the unique contributions of "his chapters" (particularly in international trade and investment), Covey was the master who filled the gaps in our drafts and made us aware of the vast number of subtle sources of this most amorphous body of law.

We have a revision of that book ahead of us, and talk with each other about the publication of another one, on international trade and investment. My learning from Covey and collaboration with him are happily not at an end. There are more good times ahead.

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