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Dear Mr. Dodson:

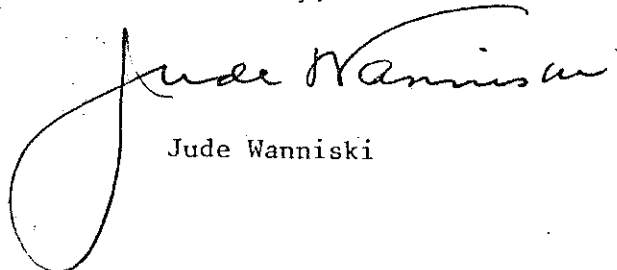
Thank you for your flattering letter of July 30, especially flattering in that you took the trouble to develop your Henry George drama at length. I hate to tell you, but I suspected a concoction when I read the quotes on Page 2 and thought to myself that they had been cribbed from Henry George. And you are quite right about "Progress and Poverty" being the best book on economics in the 19th century. Laffer's accolades for The Way the World Works as the best book on economics he'd ever read doesn't say much because Art is notorious for not reading books on economics.

I am interested in what you are attempting to accomplish through the Tax Incentive League. I'm especially impressed to see that C. Lowell Harriss is associated with the enterprise. He is an acquaintance for many years, one of the few economists in the country who actually recommends my book to his students. I saw him a few weeks ago at the Committee for Monetary Research and Education luncheon; we are gold-standard advocates.

The invitation to join your efforts on behalf of land-tax reform is appreciated. Unhappily I have long ago run out of the time that I'd need to do all the things that interest me. I'm up to my ears in Presidential politics at the moment, hoping that in 1981 I will see some light at the end of the tunnel. If there is specific material you thing I should see, though, I would welcome it.

By the way, a wonderful book will be published in September by Basic Books called Wealth and Poverty, by George Gilder. It may turn out to be the best book on economics in the 20th century.

Sincerely,


Jude Wanniski

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