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Dear Joan and Merton,

“Well, I swear” – as the old boy said – and I often do too! I was quite amused by your latest (May 28, 2010) remarkable spew of drivel about Social Security. In reviewing your academic credentials I was stunned that two people of your apparent intelligence and background could come up with such an extraordinary screed.

Rather than going any further into any richer vocabulary than I would desire, let me just do one thing. Let me just enclose to you a presentation by Stephen C. Goss, Chief Actuary of the entire Social Security Administration made on May 12, 2010 before the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform. You don't have to pay any attention to this but I suggest that it comes from the singular most reliable source – the Chief Actuary. Tack it on your wall and throw darts at it if you wish, but at least know that “out there” are some live human beings who are trying to stabilize this remarkable system and who are using facts instead of emotion, fear and guilt. Surely you people can do better than that? If you can't, then America is in a heap of trouble anyway.

I read yours, you read mine! If you have any further comments, I am right here.

Kind personal regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "AKS", written in a cursive style.

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