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FOREWORD

It was a pleasure to return to Seattle University for the *Berle II* Symposium in January 2011, and to attend some of the presentations and meet the participants.

My father, Adolf A. Berle Jr., was quoted in the *Washington Post* of February 6, 2011, as saying, "Great men have two lives, one which occurs while they work on this Earth; a second which begins at the day of their death and continues as long as their ideas and conceptions remain powerful."

The Berle Law Center at Seattle University is an example of the way in which my father's ideas have continued to influence thought across the country and around the world since his death in 1971. I believe he would be pleased with his "second life" so far.

As a lifelong Democrat and an enthusiastic New Dealer, I think he would be also somewhat amused to find the above quote, which came from an address he made in May 1945 shortly after FDR's death, in an article about Reagan's shadow and today's Republican presidential prospects.

Dad used to tell us that there was very little you could really leave to your descendants except a name so that we should be mindful of that as we made life choices.

The Seattle University Law School Berle Center has now become part of Dad's second life. It is a distinguished legacy and the authors in this volume have added to it. I encourage all to respect that legacy and be mindful of the choices you make now and in the future.

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