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We walked up from the metro. "It's so frustrating. Nothing ever gets done. People are just treading water. They don't accomplish anything. Everyone is so cautious. They have good jobs and they don't want to try anything different. It's especially true of committee staffs. A young person comes in here with new ideas, but they can't imagine a different way of doing things."

"Dechert Price is an old Philadelphia firm, waspish, very staid. Arlen was a misfit in the firm--Jewish, loud, aggressive. Some of the members hated his guts... They only have one office, in Philadelphia. Arlen tried to tell them that there's a lot of business out there, that Philadelphia is no longer a corporate center. He pushed and pushed and finally convinced them to open an office in Atlantic City; but he had to accept a reduced share of the partnership before they would do it. Then he ran for the Senate and the office was never opened."