Berlin, Germany, December 14, 1932.

Dear Fullerton:

I am very happy to have your letter of December 12 and it has been very comforting to get all these expressions of friendship during these past days. I am not going to go into details with regard to the Einstein case as I am so much pressed by all sorts of things that I have no time for personal correspondence. I need not assure you that during my absence at Breslau, where I was inspecting the Consulate, Mr. and Mrs. Einstein were received with every courtesy at the office. We knew what was in the offing and were entirely prepared for it, and Einstein was treated not only with every consideration but in fact with more than they deserved. The Einsteins were very nervous and feared that he might be refused a visa because they knew that his left activities if not really very radical had got him in wrong in America and for this reason he really conducted his application for a visa in the press before he ever actually applied here. Instead of our subjecting him to an ordeal they really subjected us to one by their extraordinary manner. I am sending you herewith a copy of the Secretary's telegram to me about his statement to the press conference. I am also sending you a copy of the telegram which the Americans here sent to the Secretary and their statement to the press. They wanted to make it a lot more fulsome to me personally but I persuaded them not to do that. I know that Lippmann has been getting it very hard from all sides at home from people whom he cannot ignore and I have a telegram this morning from home from a very important person saying that in a prominent article in the Herald Tribune of the morning of December 13 Lippmann withdraws his criticism of me.
in the Einstein matter. I think it was a little bit hard for him to do as it is bound to react somewhat on him, but he brought this all on himself and it may do him good. One cannot criticize individuals in such a vicious way without being sure of one's facts. It so happens that I come out of this without any damage but I shudder to think what effect it might have had on a man who does not have the friends in powerful places that I am fortunate enough to have and who can see that full reparation was made. The injustice of unbridled press criticism and comment is getting on my nerves and I often think that in this day of wireless and the most effective means of communication people do not have more accurate information about what is going on in the world than they did in the Middle Ages.

We are going to spend Christmas quietly here and amuse ourselves by entertaining a few people. It is too expensive to go away and I can probably rest better here than anywhere. With all good wishes to you and your mother for a happy Christmas and a New Year filled with all good things, and with real appreciation of your letter.

Cordially and faithfully yours,