Berlin, Germany, December 19, 1932.

Dear Mr. Carleton:

I appreciate very much your note of December 16 with regard to the Einstein case. It was, of course, all very disagreeable on account of the unfounded and utterly misleading newspaper comment which was not only dangerous from a personal point of view because it was so widely spread, but also from the official point of view as it tended to bring our visa practice in a wrong light before our people. The newspapers by this time certainly should know that the consular service deserves a crown of laurels for the way it has administered our immigration laws. The consular service has done many excellent things, but by the almost uniformly intelligent way in which the visa regulations have been carried out, it has performed a real public service. The criticism which turned into a personal attack on me was in danger of destroying the effect of nineteen years of faithful and I hope intelligent effort on my part. I know that all sorts of persons at home have made the effort to correct the situation, and the Secretary's statement and other articles have done a good deal, but the newspapers are never gracious and it is unfortunate but true that the first statement is the one that makes the lasting impression. Nevertheless I have done everything from here and I am sure that others have at home, to correct a wrong impression. As to the Einstein incident itself, there was of course, none, as he was treated with every courtesy and consideration and the reports of his reception and inquisition are entirely without foundation.
I appreciate the many letters which I have received from my friends.

I hope you and Mrs. Carleton will find the winter in Riga not too difficult and that you will enjoy your work and life there. I had a very nice letter with regard to the Einstein case from Mr. Skinner who is, of course, always understanding and appreciative.

With best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a New Year filled with all good things,

Cordially yours,