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Berlin, Germany, December 14, 1932.

Dear Friends

I appreciate more than I can say your generous letter of December 12 and the confidence that my friends have shown in me is one of the most comforting features of the situation and means more to me than all the commendatory articles now appearing in the press. You know how I feel about friendship and that friends are the dearest possession that we can accumulate in this world. Your letter, so brief and to the point, is another indication that I have not been wrong.

As I said in my letter the other day I am not going into details about the case as I am so pressed for time. I can only assure you that Mr. and Mrs. Einstein were treated not only with all possible courtesy and consideration as individuals but with that special consideration which we would pay to a distinguished savant. On the other hand I must say that their attitude at the Consulate, especially that of Mrs. Einstein, made the task a very difficult one for us, but we did not let that interfere with the courtesy which we showed them. If I would tell the story it would I am afraid subject them to the ridicule to which the newspapers for a time subjected me, so I shall keep silent. I do want to say, however, for your confidential information, that it was Mrs. Einstein who really made all the trouble. She is a publicity seeker of the first order while her husband is quite a retiring person. You have seen the Secretary's statement to the press and I have a telegram this morning that Mr. Lippmann in a prominent article in the New York Herald Tribune of December 13 makes a

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full retraction of what he said of me; so far
as I am concerned the matter is settled.

Believe me with every best wish to you and your
wife for a very happy Christmas holiday and New Year,

Faithfully yours,

Mr. David Mayer,
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Antwerp.

A true copy of
the signed origi-
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