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Berlin, Germany, January 3, 1933.

Dear Mitchell:

Thanks so much for your letter of December 19 with which you sent me the editorial from the Journal of Commerce of December 15. It is a very sensible article and I am glad that the editorial comment recently has shown a better appreciation of what the whole thing was about. I cannot conceal from myself, however, the fact that first impressions stick and that there will always be some people who will think of me as a narrow-minded and stupid bureaucrat. I suppose this cannot be helped. The whole incident, too, has given a wrong impression of our visa practice at consular establishments abroad and this impression nothing can eradicate, for a good many people will always feel that in some way or other Einstein was not properly treated while as a matter of fact of course he was.

I wrote you at some length some days ago which letter I suppose you have by this time. There are several things concerning which I would like to write you and will do so as soon as I get an opportunity. Let me tell you again how much I really appreciate what you have done in this Einstein matter.

Faithfully yours,

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