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Mr. W. Colston Leigh
521 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Bill:

Thanks ever so much for your kind and understanding letter of sometime ago. And please accept any number of heartfelt congratulations on the birth of tiny William Colston, who, I am sure, is just what Dad wanted, although he would have acted as if a girl had been equally welcome. Does he look like you? Any sign yet of his having inherited your dynamic personality? If so, God protect us all. Please - at any rate - forward my felicitations to Mrs. Leigh.

News has been received from Pomona College according to which I shall go into slavery on Monday, October 10th, and stay there until the corresponding Saturday in November. Subsequently - in case the Pacific Coast office is interested - I should be free for engagements in these parts. Has anything been moving at all? While, as I wrote you before, I felt incapable of carrying out my plans concerning the Balkans, I have still managed to visit and explore the following wild countries: England, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Austria. My father's recent visit to Germany, moreover, and in particular his presence at the Goethe celebrations in "Iron Curtan Weimar" have given me a lot of new material regarding that awful country. Thus I shan't be short of stuff despite my failure to go through with my original plans.

Since those four colleges I have sold myself to want me to speak mainly to the writers' classes, I shall have to prepare a number of things unlikely to be of general interest. Later on, - after Christmas, I suppose, I shall remember your advice and endeavour to cook up something concerning "melting pot U.S." Or has anyone among our clients or prospective clients come forward with a suggestion or wish? What about the United World Federalists crowd? ~~I~~ Still alive and kicking? Let me hear from you please - just so I don't feel lonely.

Yours as ever
most cordially