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December 3, 1953

Dear Jim:

I am afraid I am incorrigible. I would have much to learn from residence in your state and at your university, but after forty-two years of teaching I look forward with a sense of release to getting off the academic treadmill. Even the prospect you hold forth doesn't alter my benighted attitude. Besides, there are "those books" to be written before senility completely submerges me.

I can quite understand why you did not feel able to accept the Salzburg Seminar job. Incidentally, your letter to Mr. Mullhauser brought the good news that you are soon to welcome an addition to your family. That is fine. Mrs. Schlesinger joins me in warm congratulations to you and your wife.

A friend of yours, William Hogan, is a Ford Fellow at Harvard this year. He never tires of singing your praises. I hope you are planning to attend the Chicago meeting. I shall be there and will look around for you.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Arthur M. Schlesinger

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