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My Lord:

I have just had the great pleasure of reading your Portraits From Memory, and have made an especially careful study of the final chapter on "Steps Towards Peace."

While there are good arguments for a conference in India, I feel that a conference held in Canada would carry more weight in the United States and the rest of the Western world. Canada appeals to me as the ideal site, because Canada would admit representatives of Red China and the USSR, although the United States would not.

By now, you will have received the Maclean's magazine article on the international meeting that we held at Pugwash this summer. If the broader conference that you propose could be held in Pugwash, your presence and active participation would give assurance to the communist countries that recommendations emanating from the conference represented the unbiased best judgment of scholars.

When I was in Canada last week, the Toronto Daily Star, Canada's largest and most influential newspaper, sought my views on what should be the relationship between communist and capitalist countries. I am enclosing the article that appeared in the Star as a result of the interview.

I hope you will reconsider the possibilities of Pugwash as a meeting place, and let me hear further from you. As I have written you before, I should like to help toward the realization of your proposal for an international meeting if it could be held in Nova Scotia.

Sincerely yours,

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