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Dear Mr Isaacs,

Thank you for your telephone message of this afternoon. I wish to proceed to the United States on a Temporary Visa not exceeding six months, for the purpose of accepting invitations, in the first place from the University of North Carolina, commencing June 16th, possibly staying so long as to receive honorary Doctorate of Science at Chicago University on September 29th.

I enclose a note of my correspondence with the Passport Office (Reference P.349159/P). The only requirement they put before me was to obtain from some British Government Department a certificate that my journey was in the national interest. The British Council informed me, on February 3rd, that they had that day written strongly supporting my application.

I am greatly obliged for your good offices in expediting the decision of our Foreign Office. I understand that personal transportation now offers so many difficulties that I should be lucky to make my appointment, even if the necessary permit were granted at once.

Yours sincerely,