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DEAR DR WIENER ADELPHI HOSPITAL OF BROOKLYN VOLUNTARY
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AT WALDORF ASTORIA ON MONDAY EVENING OCTOBER 7TH OUR
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South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 20, 1957

Professor Arthur Dalby
Department of Biochemistry
Purdue University
Lafayette, Indiana

My dear Professor Dalby:

Many thanks for your letter and the account of your life and publications. I am forwarding your documents to my friend Dr. Walter Rosenblith, who may or may not be able to use you in connection with the program of work we are doing on brain waves. This is both experimental and theoretical and is very definitely work along cybernetic lines. You would be in daily contact with me and I should be delighted to be of what help I could be to you.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

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South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 20, 1957

Mr. Shikao Ikehara,
Mathematics Department
Toyko Institute of Technology
Toyko, Japan

Dear Ikehara:

Many thanks for the Japanese translation of Cybernetics. Margaret and I are touched by the dedication. I am glad the whole thing has come through and I hope it has been done in such a way that you will get good returns from it.

I haven't heard from the Japanese publishers of The Human Use and they don't seem to have got in touch with my American publishers and made an accounting. If it won't be asking too much from you, could you prod them a little? We are up on the farm having a good rest and doing a lot of work. By the way, the country up here is very reminiscent of Hokkido forests, bear and all.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

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South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 20, 1957

Miss Anna John
Pergamon Press, Inc.
122 East 55th Street
New York 22, New York

My dear Miss John:

I have received your request to send something to the Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Physics, but I can't quite recall what specific material you wanted from me. At any rate, I am so loaded up with work that I am hesitant to take on any new responsibilities. They have a way of piling up that eventually means that they absorb all the energy I should be putting into new work. I hope you will understand.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

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South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 20, 1957

Dr. Walter Rosenblith
Electronics Laboratory
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

Dear Walter:

The enclosed documents will speak for themselves. The man may be what we want on our project, or may not. I am leaving the matter entirely to you. I must say that his training looks good, and though he is off our direct line, experience in the work we are doing may be very useful to him.

I looked up Smitty Stevens yesterday and talked over the measurement problems. I hope we shall see a good deal of him in our laboratory next fall.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

P. S. The novel is done.

N. W.

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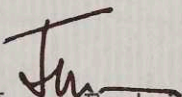
Professor Norbert Wiener
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Dear Professor Wiener:

Your manuscript has just arrived and I shall do my best to read it over the weekend. Since I am just back from vacation and overwhelmed with work long past due, it may take me somewhat longer. In any case, it is good to have it in the office and you should be hearing from me soon.

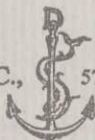
With best wishes from all of us to you and Mrs. Wiener.

Sincerely yours,


Jason Epstein

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MURRAY HILL 8-5300

August 21, 1957

Professor Norbert Wiener
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Dear Professor Wiener:

I am enclosing herewith your royalty statement and check for \$17.26 which represents the amount due you on I AM A MATHEMATICIAN for the six-month period ending April 30, 1957.

Sincerely yours,

Jane D. Miller

Jane D. Miller
ANCHOR BOOKS

Mathematics Department
The Institute of Science
Mayo Road,
Bombay 1 (India)

August 21, 1957

Prof. Norbert Wiener
South Tamworth
New Hampshire
U.S.A.

Dear Prof. Wiener:

You must have heard by now from Prof. Martin that M.I.T. has offered me ~~of the~~ part-time Visiting Lecturership for \$ 3000 for teaching three hours at M.I.T., provided that I teach only three hours at Harvard and devote the rest of my time to research and seminars at M.I.T. From my point of view this is an excellent arrangement, and I would like to thank you very much for any help you may have rendered in bringing it about.

My leave from here ^{has} ~~is~~ not as yet been sanctioned, but if things go as planned I should be in Cambridge, Mass. by September 19.

Let me also thank you very much for your supporting letters to officials in India. I certainly look forward to seeing you .

Sincerely yours,

P. Masani

P. Masani

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Prof. Norbert Wiener

South Tamworth

New Hampshire

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Mathematics Department
The Institute of Science
Mayo Road
Bombay 1 (Indie)

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WABASH COLLEGE

CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 21, 1957

Dear Dr. Wiener:

I send you this note to let you know that the other two participants in the symposium on October 10, about which I wrote you some time ago, will be Erich Fromm and Whitney J. Oates of Princeton. Early in September I shall write to the three of you about further details of the program. Meanwhile, let me say again how exciting it is to contemplate your second visit to Wabash College.

Yours sincerely,

B. K. Trippet
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Dr. Norbert Wiener
South Tamworth, New Hampshire



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South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 21, 1957

Professor F. W. Gehring
Department of Mathematics
274 West Engineering
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

My dear Professor Gehring:

I am very much interested in the boundary behavior of harmonic functions in a half plane and I shall be glad to look over your paper. Professor Wintner and I have been doing work along related fields. He is my summer neighbor.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

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South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 21, 1957

Dr. Paul H. Hoch, Chairman
Postgraduate Center for Psychotherapy
218 East 70 Street
New York 21, New York

My dear Dr. Hoch:

I certainly am interested in Grey Walter's talk on October 31, but I can make no engagement on that date as my schedule is already heavily loaded up and the state of my health does not permit my accepting further burdens. It is possible, however, that I might be in New York at about that time on other business. I make no promise, but if I should be, I should be glad to be present and participate in whatever discussion there is. However, I definitely request that there be no announcement. Will you please pass this on to Grey Walter? I very much want to see him in our laboratory at M. I. T. where I have some interesting things to show him.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

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South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 21, 1957

Professor Shikao Ikehara
Department of Mathematics
Tokyo Institute of Technology
Oh-okayama, Meguro-ku
Tokyo, Japan

Dear Ikehara:

Many thanks for your letter of August 13. I am delighted to hear that things are going well with you. Give my regards to your wife and to all the children.

The news about the book is most gratifying. My letter to you crossed yours and your letter answered many of the questions there put.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

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South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 21, 1957

Dr. W. Grey Walter
Burden Neurological Institute
Stoke Lane, Stapleton
Bristol, England

Dear Walter:

I am glad to hear that you are coming to this country for a visit. I have been asked to participate in a discussion of your paper on cybernetics, but I may not be able to make it as it comes at a time when I have a very heavy lecture load. Furthermore, I want to see you on my own ground in Boston to show you what headway we are making in brain wave work. This work has gone very far and we are certain that we can pick out a clearly marked central rhythm within the alpha rhythm with a precision in frequency of one part in a hundred. Actually, we know that the accuracy is better than this and probably more like one part in a thousand. This frequency band is marked off from the broader alpha rhythm in the looser sense by definite depressions where there is less energy per unit frequency than either in the central line or in the general alpha plateau. We have very definite ideas of the dynamics of this phenomenon, which I am now working out mathematically. It seems to be closely connected with the sensitivity of whatever mechanism produces the alpha rhythm to a pulling into phase. Roughly speaking, I should say that the brain pulls itself into phase by its own internal electric flicker.

We have also made very great progress both in the instrumentation of the alpha rhythm, both planned and executed, and in the mathematical working up of the data. I think that for the first time we are on the verge of a really precise electroencephalography.

My wife joins me in sending best wishes, to yourself and Vivian.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

P. S. If you come to Boston, why don't you put up at our house?

N. W.

GRINNELL COLLEGE

GRINNELL, IOWA

August 22, 1957

Professor Norbert Wiener
South Tamworth,
New Hampshire

Dear Professor Wiener:

As Convocation Director I am writing to each of the participants to make sure that adequate arrangements are made.

As you know, your address is scheduled for Friday, October 25, at 9:45 A.M. Also making an address during this same program is William G. Pollard, director, Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies. The title of Dr. Pollard's address is "Science as Community."

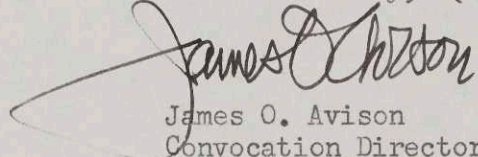
I presume that you will be arriving sometime on Thursday, October 24. If you will let me know when and how you will arrive, I shall be most happy for you to be met.

Inasmuch as the Convocation program will soon go to press, we are anxious to have the following information from you. Are you bringing your own academic gown? If not, what is your height, weight, and head size? In addition we would like a brief biographical statement. We are in need of six glossy print photographs of you for use in the invitation material. Although there is no rush on this, we should like to have a copy of your address by October 15.

I presume from your previous letter to President Bowen that the title of your address is "The Role of Mathematics as a Scientific Tool."

All of us here at the College are anxious to meet you and hear your address on Friday. Please do not hesitate to call upon me if I can provide any additional information or be of any further service.

Yours sincerely,



James O. Avison
Convocation Director

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THE SPHINX

"QUI SOLVIT SOLVITUR"

August 22, 1957
6 West 74 Street
N.Y.C. 23

Dear Dr. Wiener,

As president of the Sphinx, I would like to extend an invitation to you to speak to us.

Let me explain the nature of the Sphinx. The Sphinx is an honor society made up of select members of the faculty and undergraduate body of Brown University. It is devoted to intellectual fellowship and discussion and it is our custom to invite a speaker to each of our six yearly meetings. The subject of the speech is entirely up to the speaker and the meetings are not publicized. As the Sphinx is an honorary society we are unable to pay our speakers, although we will happily pay all expenses. Our meetings are usually held on a Thursday evening, but this is by no means a law.

I am sure that if you were to speak on some phase of automation it would be of great interest to us. The discussion following the speech by members of the faculty from almost all academic disciplines and the undergraduate members might prove interesting to you as well.

Since the schedule for the coming year is quite plastic, I am sure that if you would like to speak a

convenient date can be arranged. I will be at 6 West
74 Street, N.Y.C. 23, until September 9. After that I can
be reached at Box 1153, Brown University, Providence '2, R.I.

I certainly hope that you can accept and
am awaiting your reply.

Respectfully yours,
Ralph B. Ginsberg

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ELECTRONICS PARK, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK TELEPHONE 76-4411

August 22, 1957

Dr. Norbert Wiener
Professor of Mathematics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Wiener:

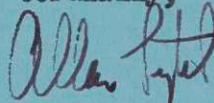
I am a writer of modest dimensions working at General Electric;
I am also a Graduate Student of Journalism at Syracuse University.

As a part of my summer school program I was assigned a biographical
sketch and because I respect and admire your books, I did a sketch
of you; a draft is enclosed.

But, I am told that I need a "peg" upon which to hang this sketch.
I would like to have your comments on the article Deductive Reasoning
With a Digital Computer, an article in our local IRE magazine which I
edit.

I would also appreciate a picture of you if possible.

Cordially,



Allan Lytel, Supervisor
Technical Information Unit
Building 3-201
Electronics Park

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[ans 8/30/57]

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 22, 1957

Dear Miss (or Mrs.) Fitz-Gibbon:

I am working for Professor Wiener this summer. He has agreed to give a talk at Grinnell College during the period from October 25-27 at their convocation. Grinnell says: "I have the usual list of books. . . . But if your secretary has a list of articles, I should like very much to receive a copy. . . . Of course if you should happen to have an extra copy of a journal article, that sort of thing would add a good deal to the value of our library exhibit. The reference librarian can put some bound journal volumes on exhibit." Now, Mrs. Wiener found the enclosed papers, but page No. 10 seems to be missing on the publications. Would you mind finding that page and sending the material on to Grinnell? Also, Professor Wiener says that if there is any other material that you think they might use, he would like for you to have it photostated at his expense. The address is:

Professor Paul Kuntz
Division of Social Studies
Grinnell College
Grinnell, Iowa.

Both Professor Wiener and I thank you.

Very sincerely,

Summer Secretary

jmc

CARTERET SCHOOL

P. O. BOX 222

SOUTH ORANGE, N. J.

August 23, 1957

Dr. Norbert Wiener
c/o Department of Mathematics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dr. Wiener:

We recently wrote The New York Times asking permission to digest and print in The Carteret Digest your article entitled "ANALYSIS OF A CHILD PRODIGY" which appeared in The New York Times Magazine June 2.

We received permission from The New York Times subject to your likewise giving permission and we shall greatly appreciate your authorizing us to proceed.

Credit will be given to you and a copy of the publication containing your article will be sent to you.

Sincerely,

CARTERET SCHOOL

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XIIth GENERAL ASSEMBLY

August 22 - September 5, 1957
Boulder, Colorado, U.S.A.

Aug 25th

Dear Professor Wiener

I thank you very much for the introduction you gave me for the vice Minister of Education in Mexico City.

As a matter of fact I stayed but a short time in Mexico City, with the intention of coming back after visiting other places.

Unfortunately I had to change my plans, and could not call to the V. Minister's office. I apologize for that.

My Mexican trip was wonderful. All in this country is interesting: pre columbian architecture, Spanish XVIth century, and living people.

Most truly yours
Julien Loeb

18-28-57

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mail

TEXAS CITY, TEXAS

Prof. Norbert Weiner
C/O M.I.T.

Dear sir:

May I be allowed to compliment you on your appearance with Rev. Wm G Pollard at Grinnell, Iowa on American Culture and your remarks on 'Trends Of Conformity'.

It has long been my contention that too many words are the most deceptive propaganda. We need less big words and more reasoning to develop the thinking of more people.

Our laws are written to compel conformity yet they do not conform to The Law of God or The Law of Nature but are written as Laws Of The Land.

The Ten Commandments were The Law of The Land and when Christ briefed them into The One Commandment, 'Thou Shalt Love', The High Priest, The Medicine Men and the Scribes used all the propaganda available to maintain the trend of conformity.

Paramount conformity with The Law of God and The Law of Nature were offered in the three simple words of The Only Law when the word LOVE is defined simply as The Will To Serve as was demonstrated by the life of Christ.

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Love inhibits emotional tensions, cause adulteration of the blood by excess secretion from our own glands and causes thereby impulses called erratic Human Behavior.

A Christian Nation in a Christian Era, with Chemistry that develops in everything but our own behavior, we write more of THE LAWS OF THE LAND and develop only an inverted pyramid that we can not keep in balance because it rests on a three word foundation.

Like the foundation of
~~the~~ the Sphinx, the foundation of The Law has long
been covered by the drifting spoil of time but unlike the
immobile Sphinx our culture is effected by the currents

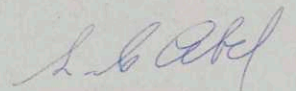
We look to the Scientist but he is so inhibited by
"Tenets" that, like the animal going up to its first hurdle,
he is so awed by his own imagination, that his fear and desire
stir his emotional tensions and chemical induced impulses
detract from his perspective

Many have tried to rewrite the law of human behavior
only to predict in the end, like Einstein and Freud that
the Bio-Chemist would succeed.

Indeed, your retort to the Rev Pollard relative to his
Community of Well-Intentioned men was inspired. 'Let it be
a community of saints and not of bishops'.

Will you kindly read the enclosed copy of The Servant

Yours truly


L.C. Abel
422-12th Ave N.
Texas City, Tex.

OCT 28 1957

"THE SERVANT"

The Greatest Servant wrote, THE ONLY LAW—
In three brief words, and lived His life and died to show
"Thou Shalt Love" is the perfect rule, The Master saw
Would free man from his ills, if he would only know
That Love is but the urge to serve, when rightly read:
And he who serves, gives something of himself instead
Of coveting from others, through Hate or Lust or Fears:
And serving protects the Servant from the ills and tears,
For the Master makes the Servant immune to all the ills
That accrue from Emotions of Fear and Desire and Thrills;
And the Servant becomes A MASTER in the realms of truth—
For Love, as the urge to serve is man's highest attribute.

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Scientists' Isolated Groups Called 'Dangerous' Practice

GRINNELL, Ia.,.—(INS)— The tendency of American scientists to form isolated groups has been called "dangerous" by a Massachusetts Institute of Technology mathematics professor.

Prof. Norbert Weiner spoke to an audience of 1,400 at the opening of the three-day Grinnell, Ia., college convocation on "American Culture at Mid-Century." He said scientists have formed a "community of science that may be too tightly knit."

Weiner added that this "community" is afraid of any "unorthodox approach" and this is a danger to all fields of knowledge.

He advocated that science especially adopt a more "laissez faire attitude" toward divergent ideas.

Weiner appeared on a program with the Rev. William G. Pollard, the executive director of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies.

Pollard, in addition to his doctor's degree in physics, is an ordained priest of the Episcopal Church.

In an address, Pollard pointed out that there is no essential difference between religion and science because the same degree of "self-projection" is required to believe in one as in the other.

Pollard said: "The only way to know the truth of physics is to become a physicist, and the only way to know the truth of a faith is to become fully committed to it."

He called each field of know-

ledge a "community" because all the members of that subject matter area have accepted the basic tenets of the study.

In a panel discussion following the speeches Weiner objected to these "communities" because of their ability to "strangle" the inquiry of their members and leave them in a position of being unable to accept new ideas.

Pollard admitted the danger but said a "community" of well-intentioned men could prevent "strangulation" of new ideas.

At this point, Weiner jumped to his feet and shouted:

"Then let it be a community of saints and not of bishops."

Weiner, throughout his speech and later remarks, spoke out sharply against what he called the "trends of conformity" in America. He said that answers are no longer the key to knowledge but the ability to ask questions will open the door to solutions of problems.

He added that the reluctance to ask "key questions" is a major problem facing the world today.

Hearing on

St. Louis Biochemist had been ill several months. Death resulted from myelofibrosis, a comparatively rare disease of the bone marrow.

One of the world's most eminent women scientists, Dr. Cori and her husband, Dr. Carl F. Cori, also a professor of biological chemistry at Washington University, shared the Nobel award for studies on how the body uses starches and sugars.

Dr. Cori was known interna-

tionally for her work in the field of enzymes and carbohydrate metabolism.

She was born at Pargue, in what is now Czechoslovakia, on Aug. 15, 1896. She was graduated with a medical degree at German University of Prague in 1920 and married that year. Two years later the Coris moved to the United States.

She was assistant biochemist at New State Institute for Study of Malignant Diseases, Buffalo, until 1931 when she moved to St. Louis.

President Harry Truman appointed Dr. Cori to a six-year term of the National Science Board of the National Science Foundation in 1952.

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Prof. N. WIENER
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
CAMBRIDGE 39 (Mass.) U.S.A.

Cher Prof. Wiener

J'ai le plaisir de vous communiquer que le Comité de Rédaction a exprimé son avis favorable pour l'insertion dans les "Rendiconti" de Votre Mémoire, que nous avons reçu le 3 janvier 1957, au titre "The definition and ergodic properties of the stochastic adjoint of a unitary transformation". Nous passons le dactyluscrit à la typographie pour la presse.

Avec mes vœux les meilleurs, veuillez agréer l'expression de mes sentiments bien distingués.

E. G. G. G.

39 PAPERMILL ROAD
MANHASSET, NEW YORK

August 28, 1957

Dr. Norbert Wiener
Professor of Mathematics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dr. Wiener:

I take the liberty of recalling myself to you -- when I was president of the New York Society for the Advancement of Management, you were good enough to give the principal address at a large dinner meeting we held in November of 1950.

The occasion of my writing now is to present you with the attached book, "Journal of a Scientist," which I think you will find amusing and stimulating. The author is my next-door neighbor -- and quite an interesting individual. A PhD from Heidelberg, he has done some pioneering work in glass-fibre technology. He has a philosophical bent, and I have enjoyed many a Sunday-afternoon's walk with him.

I helped Dr. Modigliani with his galley proofs -- but unfortunately was not able to talk him out of that chapter on "Econophysics." I'm pretty sure he wandered too far on that one -- although as a mathematician, you may not agree with me. I trust you will find the imaginary meeting of Dr. Einstein and Leonardo da Vinci charming. . .

I trust this letter finds you in good health, and as interested as ever in everything.

Cordially

Carl Heyel
Carl Heyel

[over 9/9/57]

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 30, 1957

Mr. James O. Avison, Convocation Director
Grinnell College
Grinnell, Iowa

Dear Mr. Avison:

I am bringing my academic costume so that I don't need to send you my height, weight and size. I am asking M. I. T. to send you the necessary material.

I shall send you my address by October 15 and am content with the title you have suggested. I am counting very much on my visit to Grinnell.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 30, 1957

Mr. Jason Epstein
ANCHOR BOOKS
Doubleday & Company, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Jason:

I am eagerly awaiting your comments. You will understand that the manuscript is not in absolutely final form and that I have submitted it to friends for comment. Particularly important among these friends are Dr. Aurel Wintner of the Johns Hopkins University and Miss Jessie Whitehead of the Harvard Library, the daughter of Professor A. N. Whitehead. They both of them have made considerable comment, much of which I am taking to heart and which I am sure will meet your approval. The comment concerns ways in which I can keep the tone more uniform, suggestions as to handling the interrelation of dialogue and narration, and details of consistency. They both agree that the general purpose of the book is definitive and should not be changed if I wish to keep the intellectual point of view and consistency. Within this frame I shall be glad to do a very considerable amount of revision. My suggestion is, if the book should meet your approval in principle, that I put off this revision until such time as all the recommendations are in, and I can work consistently on it for a matter of weeks. This autumn is too broken up by scientific work and lectures for it to be a good time for the revision, and besides, I wish to gain perspective on my own work.

With best wishes from both of us to both of you.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 30, 1957

Dear Miss (or Mrs.) Fitz-Gibbon:

Some further requests from Grinnell University:

"A biographical statement (if you wish to supplement the biography in Who's Who).

"A glossy picture. (If possible we should appreciate having 6 prints. We shall be glad to pay for these, or if you wish, you may order them from your photographer and have the bill sent to us.)"

Excuse me. It is Grinnell College. I don't know just what we asked you for before, so I've included all that they've asked for.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Summer Secretary
Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

P. S. The address in this case was:

President Howard R. Bowen
Grinnell College
Grinnell, Iowa

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 30, 1957

Dr. Menard K. Gertler
Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
New York University--Bellevue Medical Center
400 East 34th Street
New York 16, New York

My dear Dr. Gertler:

My fall schedule is full to the brim. Wouldn't
it be possible for me to give my talk some time later
in the academic year?

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 30, 1957

Mr. Ralph B. Ginsberg
The Sphinx
6 West 74 Street
New York 23, New York

Mr. dear Mr. Ginsberg:

I shall be glad to talk to the Sphinx society
some time in the current academic year if I can fit
the talk into my schedule. However, my autumn schedule
is full, and I should like to put off the talk as late
as possible. I shall keep your request in mind, but
I suggest that you write to me again some time in the
autumn for a date.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

[Aug. 10/31/57]

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 30, 1957

Professor Arthur C. Hardy
Room 8-203
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Hardy:

Thank you for taking care of the Ramanujan letter.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NN:jc

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 30, 1957

Mr. George Douglas Hofe
Carteret School
P. O. Box 222
South Orange, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Hofe:

It is perfectly all right to go ahead with the
publication of my article in The Carteret Digest.
Thank you very much for writing to me about the
matter.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 30, 1957

Mr. Allan Lytel, Supervisor
Technical Information Unit
Building 3-201, Electronics Park
General Electric Company
Syracuse, New York

My dear Mr. Lytel:

I am somewhat puzzled how to handle your request. I am very much complimented by your attitude to me, but frankly I am not pleased with the point of view of your school of journalism. I am a very busy man, and particularly busy at the present time, when I am concerned with the mass of new scientific and literary work, and when I have no time to spare. I consider the attitude of schools of journalism and the like to the effect that every person in the public eye is under an obligation to answer questions and furnish special material to be an imposition on certain very basic rights of privacy. Do not consider this as a personal rebuff, but if your school of journalism cares to consider it as a rebuff, I am quite content.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 30, 1957

Mr. P. Masani
Mathematics Department
The Institute of Science
Mayo Road
Bombay 1, (India)

Dear Masani:

I am delighted at your letter of August 21st. I am assuming that everything will go smoothly and I am counting very much on our work together. I have a lot of new material and I am sure that we can look forward to a good year. I shall be at M. I. T. by the time you arrive and should like you to get in touch with me at once. We may be able to be of help in finding you a place to stay. My telephone number at home is IVanhoe 4-0021.

Looking forward eagerly to your arrival, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 30, 1957

Mr. James P. McCormick, Assistant to the Vice President
Wayne State University
Detroit 2, Michigan

My dear Mr. McCormick:

I shall be glad to accept your invitation for next
May. Between April 16 and May 6 my only fixed obligation
is on May 3rd, when I am to lecture at the University
of Maryland. I should like to space my invitations so
that no two engagements will come in the same week.

Sincerely yours,

[ans. 9/27/57]

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 30, 1957

The New York Times
Times Square
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Mr. George Douglas Hofe of the Carteret School has written to me for permission to digest and print in The Carteret Digest my article entitled ANALYSIS OF A CHILD PRODIGY which appeared in The New York Times Magazine of June 2nd. He further states that he has received permission from you, subject to my giving him authorization. I have given him this authorization.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 30, 1957

The Editor
SCIENCE

Dear Sir:

Is it possible for the enclosed comment to appear in SCIENCE? If it is, I am quite content to accept your judgment as to the form in which it should appear. I will be quite satisfied to see it as a letter to the editor.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

Enclosure

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 30, 1957

President B. K. Trippet
Wabash College
Crawfordsville, Indiana

My dear President Trippet:

I am delighted to hear about the other participants in the symposium at Wabash College. Dr. Fromm and I met in Mexico in 1951. I shall be glad to meet Professor Cates. Meanwhile, I am very much looking forward to my talk at Wabash.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

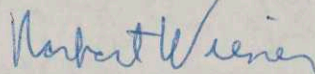
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Norbert Wiener

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Enclosure

Uppsala, Aug. 31, 1957

Dr. Norbert Wiener
Mass. Institute of Technology
Cambridge 39
Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Wiener and Masani:

We hereby send you, under separate cover, the manuscript and 3 copies of the first printer's proofs of your paper. In one of the proofs our additions have been added. We should be grateful to have the manuscript returned^{*} together with one corrected proof of your paper. We should also like you to answer the following questions:

Which address(es) would you like to be placed under the authors' names?

How many off-prints would you like to have? Acta Mathematica will send you 100 copies free of cost.

Sincerely yours,

Bengt Ulin

to

Mr. Bengt Ulin
Matematiska Institutionen
Uppsala Universitet
Uppsala

[ans 9/9/57]

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Dr. Herbert Wiener

~~Mass. Institute of Technology~~

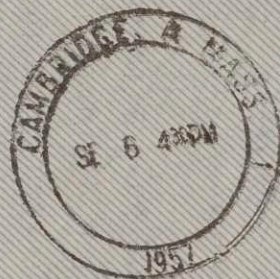
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