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Dear Abe,

Martha has told me of her pleasant visit with you last week end. In her whirlwind tour of Westchester County, she came back with some very definite impressions. As we now see it, although living in Westchester County would be advantageous from the point of view of traveling, the changes of finding a satisfactory house in that part of the county (Larchmont, Rye or Scarsdale) which would insure the short traveling time, is highly unlikely. So, we are leaving our home situation flexible. I have spoken to Bertie about homes in Great Neck and she will canvass the field so that when I next come to New York I can look there as well. Frankly, both Martha and I would want very much to live in our former community. The commitment to traveling to New York regularly is so awesome to me that I tend to disregard all the advantages of living in Great Neck when I have to balance these against the traveling problem. However, this is but a small problem facing us today.

I must thank you for your efforts on my behalf with the NP Society. I was sure that this suggestion had fallen through, and so I did not respond to your note immediately. Nothing we have done is "popular." Also, the more I think of it, and recognizing the large amount of work facing me today, I must ask you to tell the committee that I cannot make it this spring. (If this is at all embarrassing to you, I will call Abe or the President and explain).

The children are fine, as Martha must have told you. Despite everything else for this summer, I may have an opportunity to attend the International Psychological meetings in Moscow in August. I asked Al if he would allow a three week trip so early in my career, and he approved provided I was back early enough to cover for him during his visit to Madrid. So, Martha and I talked about it and then invited Jonathan ("if he wanted to go" "Are you kidding? Of course I'd rather go to Europe than camp"...). So, we are planning the usual Scandinavian-Russia-Turkey tour.

Keep up the tennis, and my best regards to Shirley.

Sincerely yours,

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