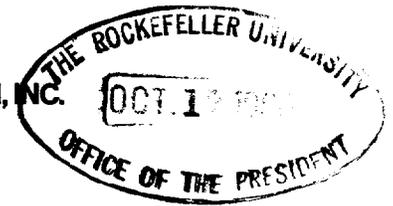


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Dear Josh:

Many thanks for your kind invitation to the "Evening at The Rockefeller University." I am embarrassed that I did not acknowledge your letter sooner to tell you that we would be unable to attend the October 14th function. However, we will be delighted to come on December 15th. It sounds like an exciting evening and we very much look forward to it. And, of course, we look forward especially to seeing Margarite and you.

Grace joins me in sending our best.

Cordially,


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