January 16, 1961

The President-Elect
John F. Kennedy

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The invitation to attend your Inauguration is deeply appreciated and proudly accepted. It is a particularly pleasure to represent my colleagues in academic medicine and science in marking this as a new era in our national life. You have our loyal support in a common vision of rediscovered goals, in evolving a restless striving for excellence from a tired self-satisfaction, and in the devotion of our talent, imagination and labor to a new America and a new world.

Success and cheer,