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Dear Gerry,

I want to thank both you and Ruth for your heart-warming hospitality during my recent visit to the University of Illinois. I not only remembered being younger, but I actually became younger.

I once had the talent of finding four-leafed clovers; in fact, I would walk down the streets of Champaign or Urbana pre-occupied with other matters, and I would suddenly be aware that four-leaf clovers were at my feet. My batting average was very good as was obviously my eyesight. I thought that I would never again find four-leafed clovers without the kind of tedious search that atomic perturbations require. Last week, in walking around your campus, I discovered, while being wholly preoccupied with other thoughts, a gold mine of four-leafed clovers. If you want a handful, you approach the Smith Music Hall from the north. On the left side, there are vertical pipes connected by chain. At the foot of the second of these pipes you will find enormous numbers of four-leafed clovers. Evidently, I recovered some youthful qualities during my recent visit.

It is a common event for me to visit institutions and wonder why Columbia University could not have a president as obviously capable as admirable but less celebrated institutions manage to have. I congratulate the University of Illinois in having Jack Peltason as its Chancellor. You should have told me about him when I was once on a committee to search for a President of Columbia University. However, I think that Peltason lacks the essential ingredient that has recently marked the Presidents of Columbia, i.e., being a stuffed shirt.

Most affectionately,

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