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Dear Ed:

I know you are going to be harried by all kinds of requests but you may receive one that I hope you will give a modicum of consideration to. This may come from the American Institute of New York which is a rather venerable but narrow, not-too-active institution. Seventeen or eighteen years ago they were very instrumental in getting the Science Fairs and a local high school laboratory underway in New York City. I have been rather obstreperous myself about accepting public appearance requests and I would certainly not urge you to behave any more sociably than I am planning to do. However, I thought I would at least help to identify the source of this request if it comes to you which will be possibly for speaking at their annual meeting sometime in February. I would be almost tempted to relent myself if it were more convenient as a matter of time and place, but that is out of the question.

Yours as ever.