Mr. Richard Herpers Secretary, Columbia University New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Herpers:

I have not been able to reply sooner to your letter of September 21, as I was out of town. For the same reasons, I regret that I will not be able to represent President Kirk at the redadication of our Historical Library this weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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