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Dear Bill:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of December 6, 1944, informing me that you have accepted our invitation to give the second Donald E. Cummings Memorial Lecture at the Annual Meeting of our Association in Chicago. Dr. Kahoe, who is Program Chairman, will no doubt inform you shortly of the exact time and date for your presentation.

It has been the consensus of the Board of Directors that the person selected to give the lecture should have the privilege of picking out his own topic. The subject may be technical, such as a presentation of some original research, but on the other hand, it may also be one of a philosophical or educational character. Dr. Gardner's presentation was, as you know, a technical one, so that perhaps you may wish to make yours of a philosophical nature. I am sure that either type of presentation would be in keeping with the breadth of Don's interests, which, after all, is what we are trying to commemorate in his honor.

Off hand, I should say that 30 to 45 minutes would be a suitable time for the presentation of the lecture, but I see no reason why you can't take an hour if you feel that you need that much time. As I recall our deliberations on this particular point, it was felt that the lecture was sufficiently important to set aside as much time as the speaker desired.

I hope that I have been able to answer some of your questions satisfactorily. If not, do not hesitate to write me again.

At this time, I want to take the opportunity to wish you and your family a joyous holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

Jack
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