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17th January, 1957.

Dear Mr. Allen,

It was most kind of you to think of writing to congratulate me after these 45 years, and I do hope that they have treated you well also.

From the way my election as President was announced, a number of my friends have attached more importance to it than it deserves, for, unlike the President of Queens' who is Head of the House, our President in Caius is in the nature of an official Senior Fellow, with slight but pleasant duties connected with college hospitality, but no executive authority.

Yours sincerely,