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Prof. Thomas Reed Powell,  
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Dear Reed:

The reunion of the Powell C Club was, so far as I was concerned, a complete success. I regretted very much that I had to leave comparatively sober which is, as I recall, a strong break with tradition. But if that turns out to be a reflection on that famous club, I promise to make amends at an early date. Aside from that matter of omission, I have one other regret and that is that I did not explain to the assembled multitudes the real significance of the Powell C Club, with an illustration of how even you might be wrong. But I refrained because of my feeling that if strong men were looking for confidence through certainty, I could justifiably transform for one occasion the SEC into the HUSH.

All of which is my C plus (to keep me distinguished from Dewey) manner of saying that it was swell to see you.

Yours faithfully,