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The Hague, 29th November 1955
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Professor Arthur Smithies,
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Hoping you will find it possible to accept, I am,
with best personal regards,

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