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Mrs. Albert Einstein,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Einstein:

I was delighted to receive your letter of the 16th instant after this long silence, but distressed beyond words at the opening inquiry: "Don't you want to know us any more?" and at your statement "Heaven knows how bad you think of us." Don't you know that I regard you and your distinguished husband as among my most treasured friends, and that I cherish my dear wife's admiration for both of you?

Why should I be angry or think of criticising his enforced silence? I realize why he felt that he could not raise his voice, although I may not agree with the wisdom of his attitude, as you may recall from our talk in England.

I feel that Dr. Einstein is such a big man that regardless of any personal issue raised by his atrocious treatment by the Hitler crowd he would have been a tower of strength to the movement in this country and would have carried many thousands of non-Jews with him in his denunciation of the treatment to which the people of his race have been subjected.

It may interest both of you to know that the Boycott, not only here, but all over the world, is succeeding beyond my anticipations. Unfortunately I have had to finance it almost single-handed, but that does not matter if it succeeds, as I believe it will.

Dr. Einstein is a hero in Germany compared to me. I am told that I have the distinction of being the most thoroughly hated and reviled man in Germany, and am proud of the distinction, and hope only that it has been well-earned.

We are having a concert on Sunday night at Carnegie Hall for the benefit of the Boycott Fund, at which Mrs. Schumann-Heink, Mischa Levitzki, Sara Sokolsky-Freid, Hishol Piastro, and others, are to sing and play. What a wonderful old war horse is Madame Schumann-Heink, and

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How brave to enter our ranks at her age!

I am moving to Graystone on Saturday of this week. It will soon be beautiful there. Won't you and your husband come and spend a week—and quietly with me?

Yes, my health is greatly improved by my stay in California, although it was a busy time, and part of the time I kept two secretaries going, besides the work of the office, part of which had to be conducted by me from there. I made speeches in San Francisco and Los Angeles connected with the Anti-Nazi Campaign, and spoke in Pasadena and Los Angeles on economic subjects. On the chance that Dr. Einstein may care to look over the economic speeches I am enclosing copies. One of those, affecting the Stock Exchange, resulted in the complete scrapping of the original Bill, and the substitution of another containing many of my suggestions, but I am still fighting for the rest of them. The first Bill would have been destructive of all security values, and it is now recognized that it was a good thing for the country to have disposed of that. Following my appearance in Washington, after my return, at the request of the Senate Committee, I am helping them get that Bill into shape. But we have plenty of serious troubles now in our own State which are engaging my attention at the moment.

I was fortunate enough to be able to induce Mrs. de Herzog and her niece, Mrs. McAdoo, to accompany me to Palm Springs to remain there during my entire stay, and to come home with me through the Panama Canal. It was all very restful. I am sure Mrs. de Herzog will be glad to hear that you remembered her and sent her your regards.

With kind regards to Dr. Einstein and yourself, and hoping that I shall soon have the pleasure of seeing both of you, believe me

Sincerely yours,

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