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Dear Mrs. Peal:

Deeply as I appreciate the invitation contained in your letter of January 4th and much as I should enjoy accepting it, I am sorry that I must ask to be excused from so doing.

With the passing years I find it increasingly necessary to conserve my strength and to greatly limit the number of my engagements, particularly evening engagements. Adherence to this policy, wise as I am sure it is, unhappily deprives me frequently, as in the present instance, of contacts and associations which I would greatly enjoy.

The fact that Spelman Hall was given as a memorial to my mother only adds to my disappointment in not being able to attend the annual meeting in response to the gracious invitation of the residents, staff and Committee of Management.

With the assurance of my appreciation of the courtesy of the invitation and in the earnest hope that Spelman Hall may continue to render useful service to the young women of this city, I am,

Very sincerely,

John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

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