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Dear Warren:

I have read with great satisfaction your letter of December eighteenth. Your impressions of the meeting of the General Assembly are most interesting and I congratulate you and ~~the other members~~ of the delegation on the fine things achieved in the sessions suspended in such a hopeful atmosphere last week.

It is most encouraging that the spirit of doubt and suspicion on the part of some of the delegations which pervaded earlier sessions of the assembly gave way eventually to a spirit of cooperation, mutual trust and good will.

That so much could be achieved without appeasement but with reasonable consideration of different points of view is a happy augury of the future. I think we can continue to work with full faith and confidence of the ultimate destiny of the United Nations as an agency of enduring peace. The way is long but the effort is worthy of the high purpose of our labors.

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You have justified abundantly the confidence which I reposed in you. Please assure every one of our representatives, who cooperated with you during these momentous sessions, of my heartfelt appreciation of their earnest and devoted labors. To you and to them I say: well done -- and add best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Very sincerely yours,

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"My best to Mrs. Austin."

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