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Dear Denise:

I am sorry not to have answered your two letters before this time. A short trip and the press of business kept me from it.

It is the policy of the College to allow the editor of *Quadrille* very broad editorial freedom. We strive for publications which have their own integrity and are not simply "house organs". This being the case, I would only intervene on an issue of editorial policy in the rarest of instances, and I am afraid that Lawrence Hyman's decision not to publish your speech does not present such an instance. I am assured beyond doubt that his decision is not dictated by political motivation, as you seem to suggest. I also should tell you that it has not been our policy in the past to publish all commencement speeches. Under the circumstances, whatever my personal view of the matter may be, I must respect the editorial judgment of my editor.

I am sorry for any inconvenience and upset this contretemps may have caused you and I hope it will not dim in your mind - it certainly has not in mine - the pleasant and provocative character of your commencement visit.

Sincerely yours,



Edward J. Bloustein  
President

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