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Dr. Robert D. Leigh, President
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Dear Dr. Leigh:

I must apologize for the delay in answering your kind letter of September 25th; I was out of town for a few days. I shall be very happy to speak in Bennington on November 28th, which would suit me much better than December 5th, since I am speaking out west on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

I believe that a subject which would be both interesting and fit into your program would be the question of the economic organization of war effort abroad and its effects on the international economic organizations. I believe that such a lecture would fit very nicely with what Polanyi is doing, with Norman Angell's speeches, and with your meetings on American industrial mobilization. At the same time I would deal with a matter I am really familiar with. I know that you would prefer me to speak on some United States problem, but I must plead complete incompetence and ignorance on any domestic issue, for reasons which I hope you will understand.

There is one more question: If the weather is nice, Mrs Drucker and I would like to make this tour to Bennington the occasion for a short week-end holiday. We would even consider bringing our little baby daughter along. We are perfectly willing to pay for our stay; as a matter of fact, I would insist on doing so, but we wonder whether there is a possibility of our being put up somewhere in or around the college. Dr. Polanyi mentioned that he has a large apartment where we could be accommodated for a couple of days; I wonder what you think. Of course this is a very secondary consideration, and, in addition, entirely dependent upon the weather.

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Sincerely yours,

P.F. Drucker
Peter F. Drucker

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