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Dear Mehmet:

Many thanks for the lovely letter which I received today (and Laurie too! She says she is writing to you as well).

I'm sorry things didn't work out quite the way you wanted--you international jet-setter you--with Los Angeles and Strasbourg, but it seems to me you got quite a lot done in DC and NY! It was a great pleasure to have you around. Come back and see us again soon, hopefully in happier times.

Well, Colman McCarthy's article appears to have generated quite a bit of interest around these parts. The Committee for National Security (?), which none of us here had ever heard of, called and said they'd written a stinky letter to the Turkish Embassy on the basis of Colman's piece. Also a lady from SANE (but not the one you never got to meet!) came round today to review materials on the TPA with a view to putting out an action alert to members (of which they have 80,000). That's quite a first for them. I'll keep you posted about any further interesting developments. Apparently, the interesting thing about the McCarthy piece was that the Turkish Embassy here didn't respond at all--and they always do--which makes one wonder what's going on.

Please keep me informed of any developments. I know the AI group here is, as always, panting for any scrap of information they can lay their hands on. I said that if I got anything from you I would pass it on.

Please give my regards to all and sundry in London.

Much love,

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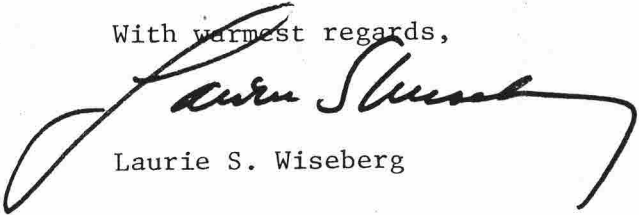
Dear Mehmet:

A brief note in response to yours of March 22nd. I am sorry that the Strasbourg meeting was cancelled especially since you sacrificed your trip to California. I am pleased that the meeting with Wipfler went well. He will be helpful.

I met, a week ago, Judith Buncher of the Bureau of Human Rights who, apparently, sat in on your meeting with Charles Fairbanks. She was very impressed with you and assured me that the Bureau the next day sent off a cable to Ankara. That is encouraging, I think. As Hazel wrote you, there has also been a considerable response to Coleman McCarthy's piece in the Washington Post. In all, I think the visit may be helpful not only to your father, but also to the others who are in prison.

We were delighted to have you with us, even if my level of hospitality was not as high as I would have liked. I give Jesse a hug for you. Give my best to everyone in London.

With warmest regards,



Laurie S. Wiseberg

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