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Dear Wes

On behalf of Governor Williams, I would like to invite you and your wife for cocktails at Governor Williams' home, 615 South Grand Avenue, at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13th.

Unfortunately Governor Williams cannot be present since he will still be abroad. But Mr. Neil Staebler, Mr. Thomas Quimby, and others closely associated with Governor Williams will be present. In addition, experts in different fields who are living in the Lansing area and are participating in the policy development program will also be present.

Virtually all of the papers which you and some sixty others throughout the country have prepared for Governor Williams' policy development program are now completed or are in the final stages of revision. This is the first phase of this program which now looks forward to personal discussions with the Governor and to the holding of conferences of the kind held on Mackinac Island on the subject of economic growth.

As you may know, I have been General Counsel of a company which is interested in the construction of a tunnel under the English Channel, an association which preceded and continued during my service with Governor Williams. That project has been moving along more rapidly than I anticipated, and it has become necessary for me to leave in order to devote my full time to it. I shall be moving to Europe the middle of this month, and I shall be staying there perhaps a year or more.

The policy development program will continue as planned with a successor whom I hope will be named in time for you to meet him at our cocktail get-together.

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I want very much to thank you in person and to say again that I believe an effort of this kind can make a great contribution to a liberal democratic policy. I hope very much that you and your wife will come.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Alfred E. Davidson'.

Alfred E. Davidson

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