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Well George--

So now the immediate 'fuss and feathers' is over, and except for a tremendous mail bag I have to read through, I must concentrate on daily realities again. I wonder if you can have any idea how much fuss there is in the US from Mr. Nobel's time bombs.

There is one practical matter I would like to ask you help on. It would be hopeless to try to make a personal answer to every kind greeting we have received, but we would like to try in the following way.

Could I ask you to obtain three or four possible samples of pictorial cards showing some distinctly Stockholm motif, from which we might choose one to have imprinted with a greeting, perhaps just "Grateful thanks and the season's greeting from Joshua and Esther Lederberg". I will give you the exact number of cards we would need, and the exact inscription, after we choose the card, but we will need probably about 300, perhaps more if we use this as our Christmas card too.

We thought that mailing these cards from Stockholm might lend an extra personal touch that we could not otherwise easily provide.

We are also awaiting other general advice on practical details for the trip and the presentations: after all we have never attended so formal a ceremony!

Grateful thanks and season's greeting

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'J. Lederberg', followed by a horizontal line.