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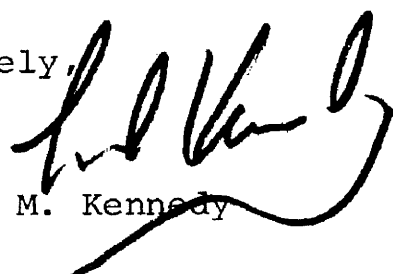
Dear Professor Jorne:

I very much appreciated receiving your recent invitation to the 3rd BASF Renowned Scientist Lecture. It was kind of you to think of me, and I sincerely wish I were able to accept. However, as I am sure you can understand, my legislative responsibilities in the Senate and my national campaign effort have placed extraordinarily heavy demands on my schedule this year, and I regret that I am unable to add further commitments to my calendar.

I would have been honored to join with you in recognizing the outstanding scientific and humanitarian contributions of Professor Benjamin Levich. The scientific community is well aware of Dr. Levich's great intellectual capacity. He is a giant in the field of physical chemistry and one of the great scientists of this century. And the whole world is also aware of Dr. Levich's great personal courage and strength, which enabled him to persist in his seven-year struggle to emigrate from the Soviet Union. Since arriving in this country more than a year ago, Dr. Levich has continued to explore new frontiers in science and to serve as a leading example of dignity and compassion for us all.

I hope you can let the participants know how much I regret that I am unable to attend the lecture, and how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me. With my best personal wishes,

Sincerely,

  
Edward M. Kennedy