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Mr. Wilton Dillon  
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Dear Mr. Dillon:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 8 and for the program of the Newport symposium. You have lined up a most impressive array of participants to discuss a topic that is so appropriate to Rhode Island and in particular to the City of Newport.

I very much regret that my schedule will not allow me to attend any of the sessions. As you know, this is a particularly busy year for me--with many duties in Washington during the week and a full schedule in Rhode Island on the week-ends.

I send you my personal regards; however, and hope that the symposium is a most successful one.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

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Chairman  
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