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Dear Howie:

I received your interesting letter about the new Academy program, "The Future of America's Children". You may be interested to learn that a couple of years ago, after some frustrating service on a variety of committees considering science education, I decided that I would prefer to give my energies directly to the children. As a result, the Carnegie Institution has had - now in its third year - a program called "First Light", a Saturday hands-on science program for elementary age school children who live in the inner-city in Washington, D.C. If this is the kind of program that is of interest to your group, we would be pleased to send some material. Please let me know. We would also welcome visits from anyone who wanted to observe our program.

Having succeeded in this, we are currently working on a major proposal to the National Science Foundation for the re-training in science of elementary school teachers in the District of Columbia, and here again, if you and the new program were interested in learning more about then we would be glad to speak with you about it.

With best regards and with wishes with good luck in the new program,

Sincerely,



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