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considered to be within the literary, conservative pale.

If I have anything to say that could be helpful it is only that here is an opportunity to say something you've only felt and thought about and never said. The simpler and straighter it is, the more effective it will be.

The occasion itself is something not to be forgotten. The Swedish people make it easy and delightful. Someone tells you exactly what is to be done, everything and everyone is warm and friendly, and you need just accept in the same spirit and enjoy it. Poor Sinclair

Lewis



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Lewis got excited and drank too much and I am sure was not clear in his own mind. Faulkner had to be sobered up, I am told, I doubt either one of them did his best. It will be different with you.

Yes, the commotion is wearing, but that does not last long, once the award is made. On the other hand, the effects of having received the prize never end. One is <sup>persistently</sup> ~~permanently~~ elevated - or downgraded - by the fact. The best thing to do, once the event is over, is to get back to work.

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WOHLLEBENGASSE 6, WIEN IV, AUSTRIA

INC.: CURACAO, DUTCH WEST INDIES

Vienna, 6.12.1962

The President:

Mr. John Steinbeck  
Grand Hotel  
Stockholm  
Schweden

Dear Mr. Steinbeck,

Our heartiest congratulations to becoming a Nobel Laureate.  
Being a "Nobel" you are entitled to the benefits of the Faber Foundation - if you so wish.

The Faber Foundation is running a number of "Refugiums" for the "elite of humanity" in different parts of the world - they are open to you. The Foundation is doing its best to obtain for its beneficiaries material facilities of various kind. In short - you tell us what you want - and we will try to get it for you.

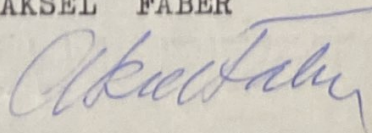
We are quite new as an Organisation - and eager to know "what our customers" desire.

In an effort to establish a personal contact with its beneficiaries, the Foundation would like very much if Mrs. Steinbeck and yourself would be our guests in Vienna for a few days, directly after the Nobel presentation, we will endeavor to make your visit a pleasant and restful one. If you choose to come kindly inform us of the date of arrival and how long you want to stay to: Wohllebengasse 6, Vienna IV., Austria, tel. 6502474 between 8-11 a.m.

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Mail delay at*

Stockholm, December 12, 1962.

Mr. Aksel Faber  
Wohllebengasse 6  
WIEN IV  
Austria

Dear Mr. Faber,

I thank you for your congratulations and offers by letter of December 6.

Unfortunately, my time schedule does not permit Mrs. Steinbeck and me to accept your invitation to come to Vienna after the Nobel ceremonies.

In the meantime I'll bear in mind your kind mentioning of "material facilities of various kinds", offer made to a selected few.

*John Steinbeck*  
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