

May 14, 1921

Mr. Elleyne Ireland,
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My dear Mr. Ireland:

Pardon the delay in replying to your letter of April 13,--I have been very much occupied and not attending to my correspondence.

I have been much interested in what you have told me of your proposed Society for the Scientific Study of Government. I quite agree with you that such an organization, properly conducted, might contribute greatly not only to the simplifying and correcting of our present institutions, but lead to their more efficient handling.

I appreciate the confidence that you show in me in asking me to be one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society. You may use my name, and I shall be glad to serve the undertaking in any way that I can.

Very sincerely yours,