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18 October, 1956.

Dear Mr. Kinsey,

Thank you for your very charming letter. I am glad that at least one of the adjectives you applied to me in 1948 is still applicable.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Bertrand Russell



Mr. Richard Kinsey,
Bridgeboro Road,
Moorestown,
New Jersey.

At Princeton in the fall of 1948 the addressee attended the first meeting of a course given by Jacques Maritain. The professor asked each of those present to give a statement on his views. The addressee rashly but with conviction said that he considered Bertrand Russell the greatest living philosopher.

Later that same day came the news that a plane with Russell in it was down in the sea. Thus, until word of his safety (due to his prowess in swimming) arrived, it was doubtful whether the description 'greatest living philosopher' designated someone still alive.

After eight years the addressee wrote to Russell telling him of the event. This letter is Russell's reply.