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Dear Professor,

Before you leave for your country, I think I must explain to you my deep gratitude for what you have been for me during these years I spent in Dublin -

When I came here the first time - in October 1953, not yet 24 - I was really groping in the dark, both from the scientific and personal point of view, trying to find my way amidst a lot of difficulties. As far as physics is concerned, I think I was like a child at that time. I felt enthusiastic about the wonderful toys I was shown, I could perhaps work them, but I did not understand them, nor really know what they were for. I did not know that they were not much, but "real structures", to be looked upon and searched as sacred things, with a sense of holy curiosity; and that my job was really that of having my tiny, but real share in the opening of the great shrine of the world.

I cannot say this pure ideal is now the only one in my mind; it would not be even just. However, you presented it to me, and I ~~now~~ know at least how to pursue it and how to graft my study and my thoughts in the contemporary trend of science.

I learned from you a number of basic ideas in physics: in truth, the very backbone of it. I must also thank you for your concrete assistance in my work: I will always remember the painstaking care you had with me during the preparation of my first two papers.