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It is great that your clout

substantially increased in their eyes! They are not going to get a reception like that in any country (in terms of both the level of the meetings and the level of the service – the best hotel, really the best restaurants and so on. We have "paid off" our reception in Tennessee royally!)

What about the theater, did [they] like it? How did [they] wake up, how was the flight? It all went without any incidents?

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MB: [They] liked it very much! They all departed. Everything is great. Now they are looking forward to our visit.

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: God willing! ))) Alright! Need to work out the "Prayer Breakfast." This is the next step.

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MB: We are yet to reap dividends from the outcome of this one.

You should speak in this regard at the Board of Trustees tomorrow.

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MB: We need to hold the spot. Now everyone has realized that this is a valuable contact. There will be attempts to seize the initiative.

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: There definitely will be! But this is not the point! To sacrifice everything on the Altar of Fatherland! What should I talk about at the Board of Trustees? There is not much to say in regard to our affairs!

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MB: This is the most important thing. They will seize and spoil it. You have an important mission of reviving relationships between the two countries. It is a long game. No one else can manage that. It is necessary to stay in charge of the initiative and you should mention casually that you spoke there, and they spoke here. With whom [they] met. We will discuss more tomorrow. Ch [sic] I will think about it.