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Dear Denis,

In our 96 seasons of lectures the Crichton Club has hosted many innovative thinkers and impressive speakers – from Thornton Wilder to Frank Lloyd Wright. I am writing this morning to try to put into words the sensation I had last night that your presentation was a magical alchemy of a century of brilliant minds.

There was the poetry of Robert Frost (1957) in your remarks, the deep appreciation of anthropology just as Margaret Mead shared from our stage (1953), the diplomacy of John Kenneth Galbraith (1964), insights into the Islamic world, much like what we gained from Salmon Rushdie (2004) and, of course, the wild and wonderful spirit of exploration that Admiral Richard E. Byrd brought to Columbus (1931). You embodied all of their genius and accomplishments as you took us along the journey of Marco Polo.

My best bet is probably to step down today as chair of the Program Committee...I can't hope to ever have as grand a success again!

Thank you for bringing the optimism of global citizenship and the generosity of a teacher's disposition to the members of the Crichton Club – we will recall our time together with great appreciation and admiration for years to come.

With warmest regards,


Katharine Moore

P.S.

Please be sure to thank Lisa for making all of the arrangements and logistics so smooth and well-organized!