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Dear Doug:

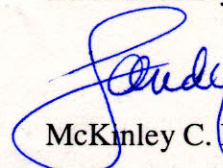
Here it is already September, with some semblance of summer a lingering memory. The time has passed way too quickly. I regret that I have not written you after our lunch in July. Please accept my sincere apology. Frankly, I am having difficulty with what to say. . . "Thank you" is what is first in order.

I am extraordinarily grateful to you for all of your efforts on behalf of The Orpheus Club and the quality of its singing. Your devotion and intensity were a welcome force. As you have said, the quality of the singing speaks for itself.

Also, I would like to thank you for the incredible support and guidance you provided me in my role as Chairman of the Music Committee. As a Chairman who possessed no experience as a member of the Committee and little formal musical knowledge or training, I was totally at sea were it not for your patient counsel. I enjoyed working with you very much and I am grateful for all that I learned in the past year.

As I tried to convey when we had lunch at The Reading Terminal Market a year ago, the Orpheus Club is a peculiar institution. I adore the singing and have made great friendships, but I have more than once found myself significantly on the "outs". Another one of those circumstances occurred last spring. Thank you again for your devotion to the Club and to your craft, as well as for your friendship and counsel.

Most sincerely,



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