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Dear Mr. Kohler:

Your letters I have enjoyed and read. And the MacLeish article has had a most careful reading. You were thoughtful to send it. He is so great, with so wide ranging a personality and so elusive in a series of lights, that I am glad to have this appraisal of yours to place alongside my row of his books, my sheaf of his speeches--and those numbers of Fortune Magazine (notably the entire Japan number which he wrote) where are printed some of the best things that have come from his fertile and versatile mind...

As to recordings of my verse I have not gotten to that yet though possibly this year I may get to it...

What was "the famous retort to Arthur Kyle Davis", to which you refer? I don't quite recall it...

Thank you for fighting for MacLeish. Your piece of writing has its implied rebuke of those who have been playing cheap politics with his name and record.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Sandberg