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Description: President Franklin Pierce wrote to George F. Shepley inviting him to visit the Pierces in Washington.

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