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Dear Laura:

Enclosed is our check in payment for the work you did on Mrs. Curtin's books. I am deeply embarrassed by the delay especially since there was no conceivable reason for it.

Herewith, the tragedy of errors -- First: I approved your bill to be paid on two different budgets which meant that AMERICAN HERITAGE Magazine paid part and the Indian book paid the rest. This procedure meant getting the invoice okayed by two editors and somehow it got lost going from one to the other. Second: I had prepared a letter to go with the check again thanking you for your work and expressing our enthusiasm but somehow this got lost while it was waiting for the check. Your note came as a rude shock.

So -- I am deeply sorry. I hope that this has not been too much of an inconvenience and that we are still friends. Unfortunately, when a company is growing at the speed of AMERICAN HERITAGE, things do get lost and confused and it always seems to happen where we'd least like it.

Right now I'd give a great deal to be sitting quietly in Santa Fe with you, the Lippincotts and Anne and Bob Fletenberg. Perhaps that won't be too long in coming.

My very best regards.

Sincerely,


Peter

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Enclosure

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