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Dear Peter:-

At long last I have gone through everything on my desk, and have not found any notice or brochure regarding your new organization. This is why I was taken unawares when you telephoned me with your request that I become an honorary member.

I have thought this over again very carefully and I still feel the same way about it. I appreciate the honor you wish to bestow, but I just cannot accept it, unless I were able to take an active part in some way. This is now out the question with all the commitments I have now underway. For several years I have been an honorary member of the School of American Research, and for the same reason ~~what~~ energy and effort I am capable of goes to The School.

There are several other people deserving of this honor, and I hope you will find someone to nominate at your annual meeting.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely yours,

Laura Gilpin.