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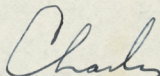
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Dear Laura:

We have now returned your dummy and portfolio for the Navaho book. I find it hard to describe the extent of my distress over this situation. We are indeed guilty of over-optimism in relation to the practicalities of commercial publication. The hard-headed advice of our colleagues and distributors -- Little, Brown -- has perhaps saved us from a considerable financial loss. In exchange it has wrought mental cruelty both on us and on you. I don't know what more to say.

Most sincerely,



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