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Dear Stuart:

I have been so distressed over the printing of the announcement and specification sheet.

Barbara and I had finally got all of the type reset as you had in your last copy, proceeded to make the art pasteups, had the negatives made and the plates made for the 32" press. And the same with the four color cover piece.

Ralph phoned in July -at David's shop--two days before Barbara and I left the city. When we were on the phone David promised us that he would print the entire job during the next week -- within 7 Days-- and I told Ralph to phone David as to the address for David to use in shipping the job out.

After we left the city...David had finalized a trade of his 32" press for a 40" press... and before I left I made him promise that your job had to be out before any moving schedule took place.

When we returned -- Barbara and I were beside ourselves with David not keeping his promise to us and to you. There was no excuse for his lack of responsibility to you or to us.

He got the new press running on Wednesday...the black unit only...and he will have the large form roller in for the 2nd color sometime (He says they have promised him in 12 days). I phoned him 30 minutes ago and told him that I was mad with his treatment...and that he was to burn the new plates for the 40" press and run the black announcement and specification sheet during this next week...and I didn't want any more unfulfilled promises from him. And the first 4 color job will be your cover.

Stuart, I cannot explain fully the other problems which forced Barbara and I to leave the city--Gregory, our youngest had some ^{Greg's} serious problems which led to my having a nervous breakdown... It seems that ~~drugs~~ mental health problems--and trying to survive has become very difficult for me....during the past two months. I realize that these are my problems ...and I must somehow resolve them. Barbara is going out to talk to David personally & make him move the job through as he promised.

Stuart, I am so humiliated...Barbara and I rewrote copy, had the copy reset several times and then reset again exactly as your last revision, had negatives made and kept my commitment...and then to have a member of the family to let me down...has been more than I can handle.

Sincerely,

Bil