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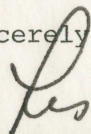
Ms. Thelma D. Toole
1016 Elysian Fields Avenue
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Dear Thelma:

I've been trying to call you for the last two days, but your phone has been constantly busy, so I thought it best to write.

Let me congratulate you for the honor bestowed on your son by the Pulitzer Prize Committee on Monday. It is, as we have all felt for a long time, well deserved recognition, but unfortunately such recognition is not always forthcoming. In light of the difficulties the book encountered in coming to publication, it is doubly gratifying to see it so universally praised. You should--as I know you do--take great pride in your refusal to abandon the work and in the role you played in making Monday's event possible.

Sincerely yours,



L. E. Phillabaum
Director

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