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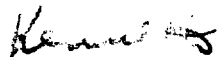
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Dear Joshua:

Thanks so very much for your  
warm note. It was a particular pleasure  
to hear from you, as our paths have  
not crossed for some time. I am cer-  
tainly looking forward to this some-  
what cryptic assignment. I hope to  
find out more about it in the months  
ahead.

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Yours sincerely,



Kenneth V. Thimann

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