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Dear THIRD DECADE subscriber,

This is to let you know that, no indeed, your copy of the September 86 issue was not lost in the mails. Because of many vicissitudes, the publication of this issue has been seriously delayed, and I have decided to co-publish the September and November issues and send them both to you, which should arrive by the end of November. This will not be a "double issue" but two separate issues; this to accommodate those libraries and other subscribers who have their single issues bound together as volumes (September is volume 2 #6; November is volume 3 #1).

One of these "vicissitudes" has been a severe problem of funding for publication. While I'm committed to continue publishing "whatever the cost," the publication costs are temporarily more than usually burdensome as the end of a subscription year has arrived. The current number of subscribers (about 160) is not large enough to sustain a break-even operation, but certainly large enough to defray a major part of my personal expenses; and my "tidy loss" on the Journal is a nice break at tax time!

If you are one of those whose subscriptions expire with the September issue and are willing to commit an act of faith in the Journal's continued publication, I'd appreciate receiving your renewal as soon as you can manage it. Meantime I'll agree to my own act of faith in your intent to renew by sending you the November issue along with the September one whether or not I've received your renewal.

Let me, finally, use this impersonal purple ink to offer you my personal thanks for your support of the work of THE THIRD DECADE.

Sincerely,

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