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Dear George,

After you read this, would you please give it to Mr. Gross so he can understand what he misunderstood last night?

I have no car and I had much more to mail than the box would hold. It was not possible to leave these packages outside with the forecast for rain. Nor would it have been safe in good weather. I did not want to ask you to take time to drive in for them and I could not accumulate them because I'll not be able to get too of tomorrow's in the box for you.

So, when a reporter from out of town was here and took us into town for dinner, I took a large box of outgoing packages of books to the post office and asked only that they be kept for you, for you to take care of in the morning. Apparently Mr. Gross misunderstood this and thought I was in some sort of rush to get them out outside of regular hours. As you also know, I have not been able to keep the right change on hand during the long period I have been without a car. I left \$3.00 with the box and got change after I left the post office. The amount I was short was in the box for you this morning. Mr. Gross returned one of the packages, marking it insufficient postage.

I do not expect to be without my car forever. It is expected that I'll get it back temporarily tomorrow night and will be able to use it until a new fender comes. When that happens, I'll be without it again. I don't know for how long.

I also don't know and have no way of knowing how long the orders for my new book will keep up as they have been, heavy.

When this has happened in the past, there was no objection to merely leaving packages at night for attention in the morning. That only was when I had to go away or could not bring them in in the morning. It will be only under exceptional circumstances and not very often anyway. So, I would appreciate it if there could be some kind of arrangement where should this happen again, I could just leave the packages for you.

As you also know, the mailbox is regularly candleized and the damage last time lets rain in. The parents who promised to repair it have not.

The people to whom I gave the box were, as always, courteous and considerate.

The occasions on which I have asked for nighttime service have been extremely few and then quite out of the ordinary. It has been only when some government agency or newspaper phoned and asked me to rush an order. I prefer not to have to make the trip and take that time.

It was kind and thoughtful of Mr. Gross and his staff to handle the insured packages last night, but that was not my intention. I had the right postage on all the other packages. My only purpose was to get the packages to the post office when it was possible because there were too many for you and for the mailbox to hold.

Sincerely,

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Dear George, My Car is again in the shop and I don't know for how long. A ~~friend~~ friend was here last night. He took me in with a whole box full of books ready to go out. Those that did not require insurance were mailed then. Those to be insured were left with \$3.00 for this morning. Aside from the insurance receipts, a single cash receipt for last night's and these will be ok unless they have already made up a receipt by the time you get this. Harold Weisberg