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I apologize if Dr. MacDonald cannot access my disk, but the disk I gave you was copied directly off the disk from which I printed. He may not be using the same program or his system may be different from the one I used. Tell him to use WordPerfect 5.1 or Microsoft Word for Windows 2.0. There is nothing else I can say or do to help him out.

Once again, you have assumed the worst about me -- that my "total nonresponsiveness" was caused by the fact that I was manipulating the disk or sharing the files. It would not hurt to give me the benefit of the doubt. Not everyone is out to steal from you or do you harm. You said you would like to know the cause: like I said before, I was never contacted by a Hood student, so no work was given to her. Days after I received your letter asking me to give everything to Dr. MacDonald I get yet another letter attacking my character and motives. Well, I hate to disappoint you, but my delay was caused by the fact that everything was on my computer at work and I can't print everything out at one time because that would take an entire day. I had to do things in bits and pieces. I finally came in one Saturday to finish printing it and make you a copy of the disk. I was also out of town on business over the summer.

As for your repeated insinuations that I was or am giving your work to someone else -- who would I give it to? Who would want it? Since I don't know the answer to either of these questions, it would be near impossible for me to be involved in any type of conspiracy involving your manuscript.

Since I have given you everything I can, I see no further reason for you to contact me.

Thank you,

Carol Deck