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Dear Mr. Held,

It is now more than five months since you asked to go over the evidence I gave you that Diamondstein does owe me the sums for which I have billed you and accounted to your accountants as well as what you had never acknowledged, the additional sum for the 1,000 books received from Bookazine.

I also loaned you other things, like pictures, that you were to have returned. You have not. It will be a cost to me to replace the pictures, as it was an unnecessary cost to me to get a photographer to take them.

All the proofs I gave you you should have had, for I provided them earlier.

In early May you said that you would go over these things when your bookkeeper returned from a vacation. You have not. I have tried to be patient, but do you not think five months is asking more than patience of me?

Had you not given me assurances you would be back in touch with me after the vacation, I would have turned this over to a New York lawyer back in May. I did consult local counsel before going to New York, so I know I have proof that the statute did not run. The debt is still legally collectable.

As I told you, in order to obtain an amicable settlement, with neither of us having to bear the extra court costs, I am willing to make what for me is a considerable compromise that really costs you nothing. I have been paying interest on this. For us it is a significant sum, as your own calculations can readily establish. In fact, if you borrow at all, you will have made a profit if I waive the interest, which I will do in order to avoid litigation, its unpleasantness and costs.

I now expect a visit from a New York lawyer. This can eliminate the need for me to go to New York to file an action. If I do not have settlement on this by the time he gets here, or at least meaningful, written assurances that it will soon be forthcoming, I will have no choice but to turn this over to the lawyer when he gets here in a few weeks.

This is the last thing I want to do, as I hope you and Herb will understand. But you are business people, and you also understand that I have been patient in trying to avoid the inevitable unpleasantness.

Please take care of this now.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg