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Mr. Sam Spiegel
Horizon Pictures
Hollywood, Calif.

Dear Sam:

At long last patience and friendship must give way to necessity. I am as sympathetic as a man can be to financial embarrassments of all kinds, and have tried ---to my own cost---to be understanding of yours.

In order to finish your work, I was obliged to hock my watch and a ring of my wife's. I violated a standing rule I have always found to be a good one: no money, no work. I relied on your personal promise. Twice you assured me money was being sent to my dependents; once you swore it had been sent: it has not been sent yet. George now tells me he finds it impossible to get you on the telephone.

Certain complications have rendered useless a piece of work I was going to submit for sale, and I cannot submit it. My wife and my various families are therefore totally dependent upon the \$2,000 you owe me. It is right and necessary that I take every means to protect them from hardship, particularly when I have done honest work which should receive its prompt reward.

I must therefore insist that the monies you owe me be paid over to George Willner within twenty-four hours of your receipt of this letter. No excuses will suffice. No promises can be accepted. There must be absolutely no delay, or the consequences will be serious for both of us.

Regards,

Lazy T Ranch
Frazier Park
California