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Mr. Robert Penn Warren  
2495 Redding Road  
F irfield, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Warren:

Yesterday, after trying in vain to reach you by telephone, I sent you a telegram asking you to please call the office, since Mr. Farmer had asked me to contact you as soon as possible. Mr. Farmer is out of town now, and has been in the office hardly at all during the past weeks. Only four days ago Mr. Farmer saw your letter of July 7th with the enclosed transcript of your conversation, although this was received by our office on July 9th. The next morning, December 7th, your letter of December 4th arrived. I am sure that you will understand how dreadfully embarrassed Mr. Farmer is about this. It is difficult to imagine how such a thing could happen, but we imagine that the correspondence was misplaced the day it arrived - during a period when Mr. Farmer's secretary was out ill for several weeks - and has just come to light now when we are reorganizing the office and going through back files.

Mr. Farmer asked me to get in touch with you to apologize for the inconvenience this has caused you and to let you know that he will be very happy to meet with you as soon as he returns from California. He will return on December 16th and has the morning and early afternoon of the 17th free. Mr. Farmer has asked me to hold this time open for you - from 9:30 to 2:30. If the 17th is inconvenient for you, Mr. Farmer also has Monday the 21st relatively free and will rearrange his schedule in whatever way might be necessary to accommodate you; any time between 9:00 and 5:00 on that day will be possible.

If you like, you may call me here, CO 7-6270, to arrange an appointment, or write to Mr. Farmer at this office.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Mutarelli  
Staff Associate

James Farmer  
national director

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