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This is a sorry letter to have to write, but I've gone beyond my means when it comes to corresponding. Letters come in, often good letters, and don't get answered. They pile up. Their quantity inspires me with such gloom that I look the other way. Sometimes I discover when I seek to make an attack on the pile that I'm months behind and there are finally too many letters to even try to answer.

This is one of those occasions. So I am writing a form letter of apology and, in lieu of a real communication, am enclosing a copy of one of my drawings—a modest venture, I promise you—as a way of thanking you.

Cheers,

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