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Dear Mrs. Wilck:

Thank you for your note regarding Sorority Row.

But I am compelled to write, against my sincere hopes, that any further development on the work must be held up until I have lined up another collaborator.

I am sure you will agree, upon looking the manuscript over, that it's biggest shortcoming is a lack of incidents, the little things, references, sayings, references, happenings, that keep the action moving forward.

It has been a heart breaking experience to spend days and months and now, a matter of years on this work, and to have it bog down, time after time. But you have been in the business long enough I am sure you understand.

Frankly the collaborator has been too taken up with men herself to wish to devote any time to the work. She is as boy struck as a high school sophomore. A total stranger can look at her twice--or even once--and she will drop everything she is doing and disregard everything, even her studies, to run after him. And the work has suffered, time after time along with my patience and finances.

I know of one girl at San Jose, and at Orcas Island I met a girl who was very serious about writing and with considerable college back round. You may have someone in mind. If so, please have them call me, Glencourt 27448, a night call collect which would not be too costly to reach an understanding. And you have my permission to turn the manuscript over to them, upon a meeting of minds. I think this much wiser than paying a minimum of \$100 for typing, only to have it come back from some publisher for the obvious deficit I mention.

I am sorry about the situation here, believe me, it has been most costly over a period of years, enough so it would amount to a full year's salary at a good schedule. I have been hoping that the person would reach a "maturity," but it seems to be an impossible situation. Her apparent seriousness of which I wrote has been nothing more than a fraud.

Please accept my apologies and believe me, if something can be worked out I will endeavor to do so. Right now I am very sick of the slipshod way it has been handled and am physically tired from overlong work. I am sure you will agree I am doing the proper thing, although I am open to your suggestion.

Sincerely,