Dear Colleague:

Under pressure of work and some health trouble my thanks for your generous and extremely valuable help have been unduly delayed. Indeed for 9 days now I have had in my possession the enclosed cheque for you which I was supposed to forward with an expression of appreciation on behalf of the Faculty. This I do now with the addition of my apologies for the delay. My members on the committee join me in thanking you for the service you have rendered us. Needless to say we all were very much pleased by the praise which our candidate received from an authority like you. Mr. Kersten will have his orals next week, and I have no doubt of the outcome.

Regarding the other issue raised in my previous letter, we have made a visiting appointment for the Fall term, but not yet one for the Spring term. The chances are that I shall be absent then too: perhaps by now you can tell me something more about your attitude toward a possible invitation?

With best wishes and cordial greetings. Yours, [Signatura]