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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Biff", followed by a stylized flourish that extends to the right and loops back.

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