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Dear Mr. Subalusky:

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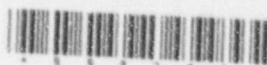
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Sincerely,

/s/ M. Leach

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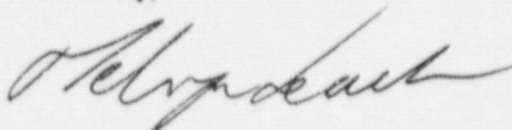
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