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July 2, 1979

Commissioner John R. Evans
United States Securities and
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500 North Capitol Street
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Dear ~~Commissioner~~ ^{John} Evans:

I have arrived, as Caesar was wont to say, although I have hardly conquered. My name hasn't even been squeezed into the letterhead yet. But I landed on my feet last Monday and been running ever since. Notwithstanding a rather severe case of potomac fever at the moment, Baltimore is home base and comfortable as an old shoe.

There is not much I can say about my farewell party except that it was an unforgettable experience. Your address to the well wishers and presentation of the certificate had a special meaning for me. I hope that I can live up to your kind reflections and advice. My tenure at the SEC was relatively short and I hope to return someday. I can't imagine a finer group of people to be associated with both professionally and personally.

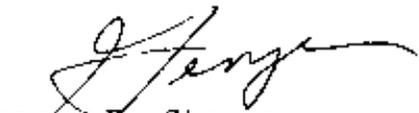
Congratulations on your well-deserved reappointment. As all great institutions, the SEC theoretically rises above personalities. But it is difficult to imagine the place without you.

My fiancée, Georgia, sends her best regards.

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I think that she will remember the farewell reception
for a long time.

Sincerely ~~Yours,~~



George P. Stamas

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