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Mr. William Randolph Hearst, 137 Riverside Drive, New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Hearst:

1. Speaking of worms, I notice they are very busy on various polychrome statuettes. As a choice of evils, would you dare let Divet, the furniture mender try to kill them in one or two of the less valuable small figures?

He insists he can do it without hurting the polychrome -- but can assure you he has not been allowed to try his hand.

2. As to the table from the Tolentino sale here, I will send Divet down and have him treat it in the warehouse here before it is crated again. It is very frail.

Yours very truly,

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