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Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I had sent you from Paris and for which your secretary, Ms. Sullivan, has very kindly, but unsuccessfully, searched. I now remember that there were postal strikes during the summer and undoubtedly the original has been lost. In any case, I am now back in California, after having taken a leave to spend eight months with Boulez et al at IRCAM, Paris.

In regard to the enclosed letter, the royalty advance from YAMAHA has been approved by the Japanese government, therefore one third of our need is secure. (It is also clear that it will be two years before we can expect any substantial royalty income.) We are of course trying to find the remainder elsewhere, but at this point there are no good prospects.

Although the overview gives an idea of our activities, I think that it would be best were you able to visit us and see and hear the research and composition. Next best would be for me to give a presentation to you and your staff in N.Y., which I would be very happy to do. Also, in addition to John Pierce from the sciences, I can ask P. Boulez to write on our behalf as he has spent ten days working on our system and knows our work rather well.

In any case, please feel free to call should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*John Chowning*  
John Chowning  
Director  
Professor of Music

*CALL Oct. 5 to Ms. Sullivan indicates that this did not arrive either.*

*P.S. Dear Mr. White - I am beginning to wonder if the fates are against us. Should this not arrive, I shall take a plane and hand carry it.*