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Dear Governor,

I have just discovered that some weeks ago your chauffeur called here and exchanged a copy of Oscar Lewis' *THE BIG FOUR* for one of Thomas Mann's *THE COMING VICTORY OF DEMOCRACY*. This exchange was hardly fair to you, and so to make it more equitable I am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of the new edition of Thomas Mann's *BUDDENBROOKS*.

I trust that by the time this letter reaches you, you will have been re-elected by a comfortable margin.

Yours faithfully,

Alfred A. Knopf