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Mount Hope Nurseries
Lawrence National Bank Bldg.
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Griesa:

My vineyard lies north of my house on loamy soil and slants somewhat towards the north. My vines looked fine early in the year, but in the last two or three weeks, the leaves have discolored as though hit by a frost, and I think perhaps one thousand pounds or more of grapes fell to the ground. In other words, I think I lost about two-thirds of my crop.

The vines had been cultivated earlier and then mulched and were free from weeds. I had the thought that perhaps the ground needs liming, and I shall be very glad to have your advice. I had the best prospect for grapes this year that I have ever had.

Thanking you for your interest, I remain

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons

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