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Mr. W.C. Simons,  
The World Company  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simons:

After a thorough examination of the interesting material that you have sent us (and a lifetime in this field lets me know with fair accuracy the time, thought, and labor you have given it) I am sending you the approximate figure of the cost of placing it in shape for publication. This will be in the general style of the publication for the Stuart family, to which you referred in your early letter broaching this subject.

We are indicating the three main steps of the procedure and you may direct us to follow all or part of them, as you see fit. It is hardly necessary for me to remind a business man that you also have the privilege of withdrawing from the matter on which we have corresponded since 1944:

To compile the genealogical material supplied us in the indicated form	\$600.
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To add to this compilation, recognized sources of reference	\$ 60.
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To compile the large amount of autobiographical and personal data into a unified record from the various recitals included in the data	<u>\$250.</u>
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The second item of \$60. is based upon a \$3.00 per hour research charge, and the total research, if specific problems are to be solved, might be considerably increased. The other two figures are carefully estimated but we would have to add 20% to them if required to make a firm estimate.

So we take another step along our lengthy planning for this project, which with you, as with so many other busy people, has been postponed from time to time under pressure of affairs.

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Cordially yours,  
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