

11A Letters that changed history

Dear President Lincoln,

I regret to have to inform you that tonight's theatre performance has been cancelled. This is due to a last minute technical problem that cannot easily be remedied.

Please accept my sincere apologies for the inconvenience caused to you and your wife, and it is my sincere hope that we shall be able to reschedule the theatre visit in the near future.

Your humble servant,

Kurt N. Call

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Theatre Manager

Dear Diana

Thank you for your company the other night. I really enjoyed going to the theatre with you and hearing all about your work.

I'm writing because I'm sure you, like I, have been reading the newspapers and have seen the pictures of us together published in the tabloid press. I imagine that you have also read and heard people speculating about us, discussing the possibility that we may be having a relationship.

For this reason I feel that we shouldn't see each other again. I hope that this does not come as too much of a shock and that you understand. I would like to wish you every success for the future.

Charles

Dear Mr Gates,

Thank you for coming to visit us at IBM last week. We were very interested in the presentation you gave us of your new computer software (Microsoft), and, following preliminary trials, feel that you have a very good product.

IBM would be interested in using your 'Windows' software, but in agreeing to do so cannot agree to you retaining the rights to future upgrades and improvements.

We look forward to hearing how you wish to proceed.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Peachy

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Dear Paul

It was good to meet you at the church fair last week. I'm glad that you enjoyed listening to my band and was pleased that you were interested in joining us.

Unfortunately I have had an argument with the other members of the band and we have split up. I hope you're not too disappointed about this. I want to be a painter, so I have decided to go to art college and won't have time for music any more. Good luck with everything.

Cheers

John