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Mr. Ken Follett
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Dear Ken,

Please find enclosed copies of the three books you requested.

I just received a telegram from Pamela Hunte who says she is looking forward to reading your book. I proposed a reading fee of \$250.00, which is a standard figure I've used when employing readers in the past. She will provide a written report with her comments. Please let me know if you'd like me to send the manuscript and handle the payment. If not her address is:

Ms. Pamela Anne Hunte
UNICEF Office
80 B-E-5 Satellite Town
P.O. Box 284
Quetta, Pakistan

When the manuscript is ready we should talk about additional readers. The people I've talked to are extremely enthusiastic about helping (because they feel the publicity generated by your book will help the Afghans). I spoke with Tom Gouttierre, head of the Center of Afghanistan Studies (at the University of Nebraska) who feels his research associate is the man for the job. He describes the associate as a bright Tajik who knows the Panjsher Valley, got a Ph.d. in education in the U.S., and reads English well. Mr. Gouttierre felt that \$200.00 would be fair compensation for the Tajik's reading.

Mr. Gouttierre volunteered (at no cost) to read the book himself and to have his wife read it (to get a female point of view). Both Gouttierre and his wife lived in Afghanistan for ten years.

I also spoke with Rosanne Klass, who heads the Afghanistan Information Center here in New York. She has lived in Afghanistan, has written a book on the subject, and is glad to read the book at no cost. She has a reputation for having terrific contacts among Afghans in U.S. (and a reputation for being obnoxious). She warned me that most Afghans are politically motivated and will distort the truth to favor their particular tribe, political party, or point of view. (I'm not

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sure which political sides she favors beyond her fierce anti-Soviet stand). She has offered to read the manuscript and suggest readers for different sections or pages. For example, if you have a chapter giving details of farm life, then she will suggest an expert in Afghan agriculture to read that section.

I'm close to contacting Louis Dupree, the well-known expert on Afghanistan whose tome you probably read. He may know a Tajik woman.

I don't seem to have your current phone number. You might want to call me when the manuscript is ready.

Regards,

