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Dear Tanya,

It has been over a year since I have heard from you so I thought I would drop you a letter.

How is your dissertation going? As I was told when I did my dissertation, "There is only one thing important about a dissertation, that it be finished." So I would also like to encourage you to finish it, if it has not been completed. And I would like to offer any assistance I might provide to you.

Here in Washington the Cherry Blossoms (very close to my office) have come and gone. I have a book due out this summer, to be published by W.W. Norton, on Canals – an illustrated history of early American canals. I am quite excited about that. It has been my first experience to publish a book with an old line New York publisher and it has been quite an experience. And it looks like I may have a publisher for two other history books.

Hope you are doing well out there in California.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Kapsch