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Dear Sir

Let me thank you very much for your courtesy - your Hoffizi portrait is extremely interesting (and will be returned to you safely by hand next time one of us passes Palace Gate). But unfortunately the contract for my book stipulates that all the photo. shall be taken by J. Russell & sons.

I am sending your portrait by hand because another which was sent me was broken in the post.

With compliments I am

Yours faithfully
Douglas Lader
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