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Mr A. Paton,
23 Lynton Road,
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Dear Alan,

We wired you yesterday in reply to your telephone call and first telegram:

PROOFS NOT PACKED SHOCKINGLY BY US stop ANOTHER SET
MIDDLE BATCH DESPATCHED AIRMAIL TODAY

By your telegram I infer that something must have happened to the parcel on the way, because my secretary personally checked the parcels which were packed with the usual care and efficiency by John Cook who has been packing our parcels for the last forty years, and we have seen no signs of the decline of his handy-work. The registered parcel slip is dated 24 July, which allows plenty of time for things to have happened to the parcels on the way between then and 4 August. Many thanks for your second telegram informing us that all parcels had now arrived safely. We just have to hope it won't happen again.

It was good to hear your voice again.

Yours sincerely,

D.H. PHILIP
Editorial Manager