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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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Dear Mr. Bennett,

Thank you very much for your note in answer to my questions. I hate to have to ask this, but I wonder if you would be willing to accept \$125 a month? In exchange I can only promise to give the yard, etc., regular care, and assure you that your home would be occupied by responsible and conscientious tenants. It looks now as though \$125 is the most we can hope to get for our house, though it is only five months old and fairly large; and since our average monthly utilities in Palo Alto come to about \$18-20, we should be rather hard put to meet \$150 plus \$45-50 utilities, even if we were able to rent a room. It also occurs to me that we shall be on hand only for the expensive winter months, and not at all for the inexpensive summer months.

Your house is extremely attractive to us, as I wrote in my first letter, and my hope is that the advantages of having your house rented early, for the exact period you desire, and to reliable tenants might be as important considerations to you as the rental, since these items weigh heavily with us in renting our house here.

Would you consider, therefore, an offer of \$125 to rent your house to us? No other houses in New Haven have been brought to our attention, and I have made no independent inquiries since we began our correspondence. Before I should do so I thought I would ask you whether you could consider the best offer we feel we can make.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Hoopes