

Mr Carter:

This is the final bill on the Friendship shipment. I am late with this because of some disagreement over the amount.

The original price quoted was \$165 to \$175. When the bill was presented on December 1, the amount was \$213. I have been all this time trying to get the account itemized. Then the labor charge was so high that I tried to get it lowered. However, he refused, saying that he had to pay time and a half because the men were supposed to be off on Saturday afternoon. Furthermore, he claimed he had to buy wire and nails in order to keep the signs on. The day was bad and cold and that added to the working time. *He also had one extra sign (X)*

My original plan was to get the maintenance force in this building to nail the signs on. But I found most of them off and also had to face a lot of weather conditions.

I believe this is the best that I can do on the bill. Sorry it's so high.

JRR