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Do you have any difficulty in reading these pencilings?

Please send me an extra sheet of letter paper when you write you sent a little more brandy than I wanted perhaps it will come in use