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Dear Ms. Thayer:

This is in reply to your letter of December 9th, in which you asked me to have the publisher forward a copy of 666 JELLYBEANS? ALL THAT? to you for inclusion in your collection of works by Maine authors.

It has been a busy and largely snowbound winter for us, but I am finally getting around to writing to Thomas Y. Crowell about sending you a copy. At the same time, I shall ask them to send you a copy of my next book in their Young Math series, which is due to come out this spring, I believe. These books are written and illustrated for first-grade readers with the idea of giving them an entertaining introduction to some rather abstract mathematical concepts. Sounds impossible, but it isn't.

The second book is called SOLOMON GRUNDY, BORN ON ONEDAY: A FINITE ARITHMETIC PUZZLE. I shall be pleased to sign both copies when next we visit the library. That will be when we can get the car working properly and the roads are a little less icy, so I'm not going to venture a prediction.

Incidentally, my wife, Ann, and I both write children's books. I write in science and Ann about History and social studies. I am adding a list of our books on the next page.

There is one other thing I should like to mention. We just got a notice on a long-overdue book that we took out: MAN AND HIS ENVIRONMENT: CLIMATE by Gates. Actually, I was using that book among others in the course of writing another book for children: THE LONG SEASONS OF EARTH: THE STORY OF CLIMATE. I have just sent the ms to the publisher in fact.

As I've said, we've been rather snowbound which is one reason we haven't been able to return this book. And we naturally understand the Library's concern about losing books. Six years
ago, we used to live in New York City, and you can imagine the problems the NYPL system has.

We certainly aren't asking for any special treatment. But we do both find the Maine State Library invaluable for research in our work and we should like to feel that we can sometimes keep books out for really extended periods of time—when they are not on call by someone else, of course. Would that be possible?

At any rate, thank you very much for your pleasant letter of December 9th. Below is the list of our books to date.

Very truly yours,

Malcolm E. Weiss

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Five Roads to the White House
We Will Be Heard: Dissent in the United States
Save the Mustangs! How a Federal Law is Passed
The American Presidency
News or Not?
The American Congress
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The Long Seasons of Earth: The Story of Climate (in ms)
Clues to the Riddle of Life (out of Print)
Man Explores the Sea
Storms—from the Inside Out
The World within the Brain
Lands Adrift—the Story of Continental Drift

666 Jellybeans
Solomon Grundy, Born on One day (in ms)
Seeing through the Dark—Blind and Sighted, A Vision Shared
Why Glass Breaks, Rubber Bends, and Glue Sticks (in ms)

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The Vitamin Puzzle