*Dresden Manor*

*October 28, 18–*

*Dear Sirs or Madams,*

*Please forgive this hurried note. You do not know me, and frankly, I do not know you. However, you come recommended to me by Dr. Edgar Spenser of Stagford as having highly specialized skills, of which I fear I may be in very great and urgent need.*

*Therefore, I both invite and beg you to meet me at my home as quickly as humanly possible, for a life that is very dear to me depends on it. I am in possession of a not insignificant fortune, and will ensure that you receive more than reasonable remuneration both for services rendered, and for the inconvenience of such an urgent response.*

*My home is Dresden Manor, near the village of Stagford, which is most easily reached from Whitby-by-the-Sea. I've made arrangements to cover the necessary travel fares for you; please simply let the agent who delivers this note know, and he will take care of all matters. Should you have any other questions, I beg you to hold them until we meet in person, at which time I will explain everything to you.*

*Please. I beg you, make the utmost haste. You are my last option and my only remaining hope.*

*Sincerely,*

*Peter Dresden*