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Mr. Gary Lutin
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575 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor
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Dear Mr. Lutin,

Contrary to fabrications in the media, Mr. Farmer is fully capable of performing his duties as Chairman of Farmer Brothers Company, and any suggestion to the contrary is false.

A recent report in the *Los Angeles Business Journal*, which quoted you at length, is one example. That report attributed quotations on this matter to Mr. Farmer's attorney, Marshall Oldman, who has subsequently written to the publication to say, "The quotations attributed to me in your June 23 report on the health of Roy Farmer are fabrications."

You are requested to ensure that your statements to the media are accurate and well supported.

Sincerely,
FARMER BROS. CO.

John E. Simmons
Treasurer