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**FROM:** Jan Tilton, Assistant to the President

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**SUBJECT:** Armenian Jewelers' Assembly

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Please call us or provide us with your telephone number. Bill Boyajian would like to discuss the Armenian Jewelers' Assembly details with you prior to finalizing his itinerary. Thank you!

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Pierre Akkellian  
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*Pity*

VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Pierre,

Over the past few weeks I have tried to juggle my commitments at home in order to be able to attend the jewelry conference in Armenia. The dates encompass the second full week of our business planning and budget sessions for the entire GIA Group of Companies, and I have commitments to my people that unfortunately I simply cannot avoid. Thus, I will not be able to accompany you on the upcoming trip to Armenia. I am terribly disappointed because, as you know, I really wanted to attend and take in this great new experience.

Please keep me in mind for any follow-up opportunity that might take place. I regret to bring you this news, but trust that you will understand my situation. With very kind regards, as always, I remain,

Sincerely,

William E. Boyajian  
President

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