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My dear Mr. Herrera:

Please accept our sincere apologies for the undue delay in replying to your letter of March 31st. We have received so many communications regarding the "x + y problem" that it is impossible for us to acknowledge each one separately. In a forthcoming issue, therefore, we expect to publish more information regarding the problem and its solution, by Dr. Oscar S. Adams, Mathematician of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. We hope this will be acceptable to you.

Cordially yours,

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V.S. Headwell.

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