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Dear Mr. Beal,

It would be quite remarkable if your generalization of Fermat's last theorem were true. I suspect, though, that a serious computer search would turn up an example in which the equation that you say is impossible holds. Why don't you provide a little employment to some bright young man (woman) to give it a try?

Sincerely yours,



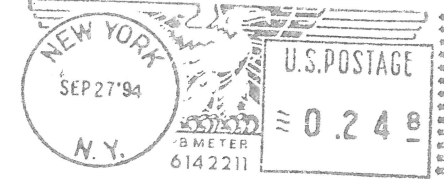
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