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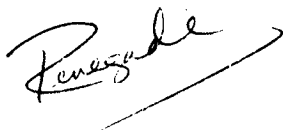
People Of Earth:

You've ignored my warnings about the Cosmic Conflict for the last time! If my calculations are correct (and they always are!), the Asteroid will strike the Earth in 40 years, 11 months, and 3 days at precisely 4:14 a.m. (Rocky Mountain Time).

We recently finished the second in a series of "Wars To End All Wars." The desolative power of that little adventure should still be familiar. Can't you understand that when that Asteroid hits the Earth, it will make WWII seem like a pillow fight? The poles will melt; the seas will spill across the continents; Earth will lurch from its axis; and we'll hurtle headlong for the sun! Yet the "great minds" of this age are too busy to verify my calculations. They're engrossed in inventing the next decade: cars with fins; H-bombs; beehive hairdos; and little cathode crates called televisions.

Well I'm tired of being laughed at and insulted, thank you very much! I'm taking my incredible brain away from you. You'll realize eventually that I'm the only one with the foresight, genius, and slide-rule skills to save the planet. Your only concern, then, should be whether I can be found in 40 years (I won't make it easy). And whether I'll still be in the mood to save civilization (a civilization which hasn't been very civil to my person). As to whether or not I can rescue the world. . . well, that goes without saying.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renegade". The signature is written in dark ink and is followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.



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