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Subject: Re: Message to Bruce  
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Mobile Robots: —*

Klaus,

Here is the message I sent to Bruce.

Joe

>Bruce,  
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>We have a problem. I'm not happy with your contribution to the book.  
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>You are a person of great energy and ability and I was excited by the  
>suggestion to bring you on board as a co-author for the second  
>edition. I believed you could bring a perspective that is missing  
>from the book. You have actual experience teaching robotics to  
>highschool students, neither Anita nor I can claim that advantage.  
>And you have developed and used in the classroom a robot even simpler  
>than TuteBot.  
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>As I co-author I hoped you could suggest ways to expand and improve  
>the book that I hadn't thought of and that you would have the energy  
>and enthusiasm to develop those ideas. I expected that you would  
>completely re-do the TuteBot chapter, making it your own by adding  
>material on the Wall hugger. And I hoped that you would add some  
>pedagogical content to the robot projects chapter.  
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>But as it has turned out, none of the contributions you are uniquely  
>qualified to make appear in the new edition. The only tangible  
>contribution you have made is to change some of the text in the  
>TuteBot chapter to refer to the Fischer-Technik robot rather than the  
>LEGO robot. Would you agree with this assesment?  
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>This outcome was not what either of us had in mind when we began this  
>project but in view of the results I'd like to reconsider your status  
>as a co-author.  
>  
>For your good faith effort and for all the time you have put into the  
>book, you clearly deserve a special acknowledgement and compensation.  
>I realize that may be only cold comfort. If you'd like to talk this  
>over please call me tomorrow at ISR, 617-629-0055. I'll be on vacation  
>in Maine all next week, the number there is 207-677-2575.  
>  
>Joe

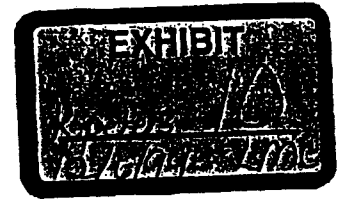


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