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Dear Professor Townsend:

We have received the referee's report on your paper on "Colouring the plane with no monochrome units." The Journal of Combinatorial Theory - Series A is now trying very hard to reduce its large backlog, and we ask all our referees to be especially attentive to the question of the importance of the papers. In this case the referee thought that the result was not of great importance. In view of our backlog situation then, we are reluctant to publish the paper. However, since it does correct an error in a previously published paper, we would like to have a very short note about it. Perhaps you would be willing to do the following: Write a note pointing out the error, stating the theorem (Theorem 1) (without proof) used to get around the trouble, and that the theorem must be used with care to get around the problem.

I hope this will be acceptable to you, and I am sorry we are constrained so severely in publishing papers.

Sincerely yours,

BruceRothschild,  
Managing Editor - Series A  
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