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Please don't extend me a copy

"I will be happy to extend you a copy of my speech" or a copy of anything else has crept into use in offices. Although it may sound deceptively impressive, it is not Standard English. The simple "I will be happy to send you a copy of ..." is fine, for now.

You may extend time, a limb, a part of the building, your duties or operations, help or thanks, furniture or tools.

Poor English:

My daughter borrow it.

Standard English:

My daughter borrowed it.

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