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• Thank you for believing in my potential throughout this journey.

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at the University of California, Berkeley, says that in her native Switzerland, people typically send text messages every waking hour, a "habit almost mandatory that you answer, even if there is no answer." In California, she found a more relaxed approach. When she asked another researcher to request a data set and heard nothing, she wondered if he hadn't done something stupendous and the person did not want to collaborate. She did not send a follow-up message. In Switzerland, she says, that would be considered rude. In the United States, she noted that ignoring or losing emails was common in the first five days. "Now, it's message grace periods; the sixth email is a few days later and smaller gets a delayed response."

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