

Mary Terrill

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Dear Sylvia (and Mimi):

I'm looking for a cat to buy! All the way home on the plane I kept talking about Mimi's personality and Karen Sue finally said that both of her cats had "personality" -- I'm just not around them enough to see it. I do like her two cats but they sort of disappear into the other rooms when I'm over there. I've never seen a cat so friendly to strangers as Mimi is. And, she is so beautiful. Karen Sue wants to buy a Russian Blue when she has occasion to get another cat, but I think I want one that looks like Mimi. I called two pet shops Monday and asked them to be looking and call me when they find one. We have a big house in the back now for the dogs so they never come in the house. I go out there and play with them (throw the ball and a stick) about twice a day, but they are both so huge that they knock everything over when they come in. I've simply had to restrict them to the back yard and their house.

Sylvia, I had never seen or heard of the Strand Book Store. We almost missed our plane Monday because I didn't want to leave it. We were there when it opened and Carol Anne threatened to leave me in New York to get me out of it. We all had to check our luggage (something we never do) in order to carry our sacks of books. I found books there that I had been advertising for all over the country for two years. One book that Gary Shaw and I had been trying to find was Flag on Devil's Island by a French convict who was in Dallas on November 22, 1963. It was published in 1962 and a Dallas lawyer, Charles Tessmer, represented him. Gary Shaw asked me to help him find it and I started looking about two years ago. I found three copies at the Strand and bought all three for me and Gary. I don't think it has anything that will help Gary, but it's an interesting story. I also found a rare book on the Civil War that I had been looking for a long time.

I want to retire to New York! I loved it this trip. It's the first time I've ever been there when I wasn't scared to death but Carol Anne and Karen Sue would walk all over town at all hours of the day and night. I was amazed! We would be meeting two or three young black boys and they would just walk right on toward them... Then, we would be approaching three nice-looking young white boys and Karen Sue would whisper, "Mother, let's cross the street." They both seemed to sense when there was reason to worry.

I think I could spend years in the Metropolitan. It really gave me goosebumps to think, "This isn't a good copy -- this is it!"

Carol Anne got me a copy of the New York Times article on Allard Lowenstein, except that someone had torn the last page out. I'm going to go to the library and see if I can get a Xerox of it.

If the library doesn't have it (I'm sure they will have it), I may ask you to mail me the last page and I'll copy it and return it.

Jerry Polikoff called me the other night from Boston. He seems to be enjoying his new job. Although he misses New York, he seems to be enjoying his apartment and new friends.

Jones Harris has called several times since I returned to Dallas, and David called once. David had been trying to locate Carol Anne. He undoubtedly doesn't pay very much attention to me. I introduced them as Carol Anne Burtchaell and Karen Haggard. He was trying to find Carol Anne Ferrell. I don't know what he wants with her. I didn't give him her phone number, just told him her name was Burtchaell.

There will be two hearings in the exhumation proceedings next week. Petty has asked for change of venue and that will be heard on September 3rd and ~~Monday~~ Robert's Motion to Stop the Exhumation will be heard Friday, September 5th. (I think that is what is to be heard on Friday.) Marina flew to New York last weekend to be on Good Morning America. They say that lawyers in New York advised her that such an appearance would weaken her case in Dallas and she refused to go on and flew back to Dallas. Jones Harris confirmed it from that end... Can't be sure it's true.

We need to teach Mimi astral projection so she can transport herself to Dallas and you may take a conventional airplane... Do you ever hear anything from Paris Flamonde? (I have a book by Paris that reminded me of astral projection - I meant that the other way around - astral projection reminded me of Paris Flamonde's book. This book wasn't on UFO's. I can't remember the name of it. I have it in hardback and also in paperback.)

Give Mimi a kiss for me and tell her I wish I was there to see her acrobatics (I suppose they are more like ballet leaps!)

Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Love,".