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My very dear Elaine-Felicia!

I can find a dozen reasons not to be in touch again, all of which relate to my own deficiencies - old and newly-acquired. Against which, there is only the great delight I always found in your company and the real affection I always felt for you.

I have often thought of you, too, with some fear of a chance encounter. I have become so unsightly! Size 48. Middle-aged, to put it generously. Dull - depressed - and a full-time female Eunice for ten years. Full of sorrows, having lost everyone, even my cat Allegra (but I have a new one, Mimi, who would unnerve you no less).

I was really touched to receive your between-life-Orises note and I would like to know what you have been doing in these last eight years and the secret of achieving two good hours. If I hesitate, it is because I am an aesthetic-cosmetic catastrophe and also featuring personality traits which are not very endearing. In short, I am reluctant to disappoint, offend, and be a visual shock to you.

Let's talk on the phone soon and test the temperature. I'll call you soon.

Still,

Sylvia-Dolores.

Dear Sylvia-D., I've  
wanted to get in touch w  
you loads of times over  
the years, but each time  
I've been on the verge,  
I've been diverted by an  
acute life crisis. (I've be-  
come a real Mervin from  
life crises.) But today -  
or a change - things  
have gone smoothly for  
two (2) consecutive hours -  
So here goes.

I'd really love to see  
you again. I know your

schedule must be crowded, but  
I hope you'll give me a ring  
when you have time.

In the meantime, I hope  
all goes well w you, and

~~Wishing~~ you happiness

and good luck

through every day

of the new year.

Love -

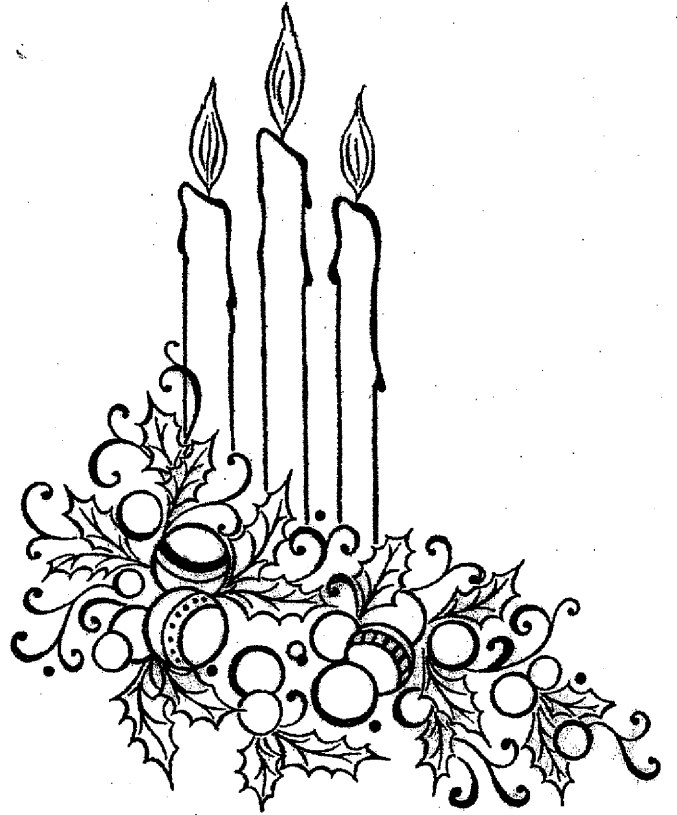
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