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Dear Sylvia:

I'll be 57 tomorrow. On November 22, 1963, you and I must have seemed very young to those who were 57 then! But, unless there is a satisfactory answer to my questions, I'll not be ready to stop when I'm 67, 77, or 87!

Arch Kimbrough is coming with Gary Shaw and me to Maryland November 15th. Bud invites Arch every time but this is the first time he has accepted. Perhaps he feels it is sort of "a last stand." The format is good, I feel; and we can possibly accomplish more than ever before. I certainly hope so. Bud has eliminated those who have been disruptive in the past and those who have never contributed anything. The only one he has not invited and I completely disagree with him on the decision is Jerry Polikoff. Bud did not give me a very good answer when I asked him why he wasn't inviting Jerry. I almost feel that Jerry is one of my sons.

Carol Anne and her daughter Karen Sue spent the summer in New York and Jerry was very kind to them. Karen Sue studied at the American Ballet Academy (or something like that - I may not have the name exactly correct). She had studied since she was 3 or 4 years old while in Dallas. They just recently moved back to Dallas and Karen has started ballet again. Carol Anne quit her job with Continental Airlines when David was killed on March 4. She finally took a job with American Airlines in New York and then transferred to Dallas with them. Of course, we are glad to have them back near us but wish David could be here too.

Carol Anne is taking me to the Dallas Theater Center tonight to see A Man For All Seasons. Tomorrow night all my children are taking me to dinner. It's the very first time anyone except my mother and my husband have ever paid any attention to my birthday. I guess the first death in our immediate family has sort of shaken up the children and made 57 seem ancient to them. I keep trying to tell them I am going to live to be 110, and will not voluntarily cease living then.

Sylvia, please bring Mimi with you to Maryland. You know Bud and Patty have about ten cats in their home in Alexandria. I am sure that when Patty and Bud are together at the lake they have the cats there. I understand there will be ample room at the lodge, but if we have to be two to a room - you and I and Mimi can share a room. You realize I've never seen Mimi. I remember the beautiful Allegra vividly.

Love,

Mary