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Dear Charlotte,

I am very sorry that I have not answered your letter sooner. I have been busy and just got behind on all correspondence.

I can understand your interest in writing me concerning the things which are on your mind, but I am against that sort of thing because I don't ever feel that I am utilzing my professional training in such a relationship--I have tried it. If you were in this area I would be glad to try my hand at helping, or refer you to a friend who could. Unfortunately, I know personally of only one professional in the Washington area, and I have written her to see what her situatinn is now. There may well be one or two free clinics of the type I help run (unlike the private clinic where I work during the day and on whose stationary I write). I will try to find out. A good free clinic is often better than an expensive private one since professionals are naturally pre-selected by an important factor--sufficient concern that they give their time willingly on a volunteer basis. Unfortunately, professional training and degree do not make a good psychiatrist, psychologist, or social worker. The lay public has not way of knowing whether they are seeing good ones. When I get into an emotional jam myself, I always go to talk with another professional, but I know who the good ones are here.

So, I guess all I can promise is to try to locate someone or a group which does what we do out here, in the Washington area. If and when I hear I will let you know. I'm sorry that I can't offer more myself, but I just can't work at a distance. Harold feels very warmly towards you and has written me also.

I hope that this letter finds you in good health and spirits. Good luck.

Gary Schoener