Dear Jim, 9/21/84

Thenattached copies are of a pleasant, somewhat mysterious and quite timely surprise in today's mail, an anonymous gift of \$200 from Washington.

While nobody has provided any help in some time, a number, mostly strangers, have in the past. But this is the first anaonymous one if my memory is accurate.

It is timely because my moths's resources have run out and my two sister small are diving up all the expenses. Which means a full-time, live-in woman, extra help for her and my sister, because that is required several times a week, visiting nurses and the medical expenses not covered by her insurance. This just began a month ago, when her well ran dry, and it no sooner had than my older sister's husband suffered a massive heart attack. And she is the one who had been supervising my mother's life, a ter her own serious medical problems. My younger sister does not live near my mother but is closer than I am.

What this family problem really means is that as long a my mother lives, and she is hanging on with remarkable determination even though she says she doesn't want that, my Social Security check will go for her sustainance. Apparently with the apartment rental, food for her and the woman and what goes with it all, the costs are about what they would be in a nursing home, no savings at all. Terribel strain on my older sister, but several years ago, before her conditions deteriorated, she said she did not want to go to a nursing home and we've respected her wishes.

I've not discussed it with Idl, who handles our books and finances, but I guess we'll manage without too much trouble or rentenchment except when taxes, insurance, etc., are due. It used to take three of my SS checks for the local taxes.

In any event, this unknown benefactor could not have picked a better time and we appr ciate it the more for that.

't is, however, because of the anonymity that I send you the copies. This includes the back of the envelope.

My guess is that the person who can afford to give \$200 has a bank account but wanted anonymity that much.

Best.

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