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Dear Flo,

Hope, as Jerry indicates, that your tour is doing well.

Should have written you a week ago to offer a simple courtesy, but feeling you were away, with too many new problems to cope with daily, and not believing it can be of immediate usefulness, I delayed it.

A week ago there was a women's lib demonstration in Washington. The local TV coverage there was remarkably sympathetic. Even the pair interviewed for "the other side" seem to have been selected because they were the most ridiculous possible, real caricatures is a man and a woman.

But this reminded me that all the sisters may not have means or accommodations. If they have transportation, we can provide the latter to a fair number whenever they want to demonstrate or lobby in Washington. We are but an hour away by car.

Jerry will be here this coming weekend with 3 people. We can sleep four without improvisation, in two different rooms. We have a screened-in porch with padded wall seats that are narrow but on which infrequently I've napped. We have one outside chez lounge, and we can make other improvisations. Some of Jerry's are bringing sleeping bags, which is what the west-coast boys who came to the original Pentagon demonstration used.

Anyway, if this can help the sisters, they are always welcome. It takes about as long to get here as it does to Washington from New York. We are on the direct route from such places as Chicago and the west coast, only 5-7 minutes from the superhighway they'd be using. Some from those who'd come through Harrisburg. Even those coming from the southwest will find it little out of their direct route if they use Highways 15 or 501.

I'm pro se in a large noise-damage suit vs the Army. My lawyers let the case slide for years when they learned I was working on the Warren Commission. Who were my lawyers? Edward Bennett Williams, one of Warren's closest pals, and the man he assigned to the case Peter Taft, who had been Warren's law clerk. Did I have a combo! The government, after the judge recognized me as my own lawyer (won the first case, for an earlier period, and have precedent), agreed to try and negotiate an out-of-court settlement, the only real question being evaluating the damage. Since then they've stalled for two years, have not met with me once. I had to write the judge and ask him to preside over real negotiations or set the case for trial. He has set a conference for May 7. I have to get on that soon and resume with the discovery proceedings-after 7 years, so my life is again complicated. Just got the clerk's notice.

Good luck, and thanks,