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Dear Sylvia,

Relet 6/1, the fault is mine. Howard has been here almost two weeks. He did tell me he had brought it, I was busy on other things and apparently when he mentioned that also thinking of other things, for I then had to leave town for a scheduled hearing in a suit by which I seek to collect money a wholesaler owes me, my house in Hyattstown had caught fire and my mother had had serious surgery (seems ok). Since then Ed has fallen and injured a knee. Also looks like it will be ok, but she is confined to bed. And there are a few things I have to do, like preparing for a hearing on my suit for pictures of the clothing, etc. I'll go over it as soon as I can. Sorry.

Bernabei is due here tomorrow. I'll ask Howard to get those Carr papers for me, for if I do it will take forever. Some of the excision may be of pertinence, for I use it other than you did, that is, for a different purpose. And cite yours.

Jerry will be keeping you posted on the fight with the Times. It is incredible! The Wolff letter is false on everything save hand-delivery. That I did because the copy I had earlier left for him had been stolen.

You are wise to go away for a month and to let none of us know where you are. It would be good if we could. Best medicine.

As one who speaks from experienced, having lived through it years ago as observer/victim, I suggest that the psychological changes may be more bothersome than the physical in a woman who is lucky to get fiftish before they occur.

Who you callin non-cat-people? We've had as many as 30 at a time, all named, all people. The only reason we have none now is because we elect the alternative, birds and rabbits coming to the door, quail and pheasant tolerating us, fish that come to the shore to be fed on hearing a voice. Things like that. Your vet is not putting you on about the usual cats-life. What is forecast is inevitable. Be sure to get the next one as a kitten. You enjoy them more when you spoil them the way you want them spoiled, and they are happier for it. Thus you also are happier.

Hope you have a good vacation, and that you use it as planned, for a rest and relaxation.

Best,