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Ruby dear,

1000 thanks for the letter and the great packet of materials Kathryn sent (your letter of May 15th and K's of the 18th). It was good of Kathryn to round up all the materials, minutes, letters, inventory of properties, salaries, + financial statements and auditor's report of '87. That helps a lot, and I'm sure the committee on finance feels the same.

The minutes of the May 4 meeting and Jack's memo to OLCDC card dated May 16 were also helpful. There seem to be plans afoot for solid local participation in the planning that Ford required.

By the way, what is the word about Ford's grant? A lot of how we proceed depends on their contribution to our transition.

Ruby, I am feeling very helpless up here as an Operation Life board member, and I need your sense and guidance. First of all, I see that you're on your way in an upbeat fashion with board meetings every other week, board training from the Law Center, and directed efforts to understand what we have as an organization as well as where we want to go. But without you there I am very uneasy about my remote role. I can't make those frequent meetings. I'll be gone all of June. So, without knowing what emergencies Operation Life may have to resort to if Ford does not come through, it occurs to me that you may want the new Nominating Committee to set aside my name for this time being. I'll be glad to stand by for consultation or emergency support, in the manner of Jack (off-board but on-friend!). But your Board and Stella, your interim staff, will need active, working board members.

So, if you're not already away at your spa for getting well (and I hope you are there), then perhaps you'd let the word through to Essie, the nominating chair, that she shouldn't consider me at this time. Perhaps later there'll be a time when my remote role will be useful, but now seems too intense for the presence I can give it.

Love you - and thanks for your words of affection, too,

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