

Tomorrow P.M. I'm hearing Buckminster Fuller! All's clear.
But be sure & let me know March 7, 1966.
when to call for you on
Wed. - 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, etc.

Dearest Patricia:

I get more and more elated
as Wednesday draws near! Tonight, at
dinner at Original Joe's, I kept thinking of
you as I read the book by Harrison Salisbury
"The Shook-Up Generation" - not because
you belong to it but, because, miraculously,
you escaped belonging to it. I hope you
have time to read this book before long. In
it I am sure you will recognize many
indications of the disturbed world in which
you spent much of your childhood & youth
but through which you passed unscathed,
thanks to the unlimited love and affection
showered upon you, as it has been on all
your brothers and sisters, by your remarkable
mother. In spite of the "scars" that she
acquired, while nourishing all of you on
love and inculcating the ideals of conduct,
personality and behavior that she has made
to be important in the thinking of all of you,
and in spite of the confusion through which
she has passed, she has remained a beauti-
ful person and an impressive one. The

more I see of her, the higher she rises
in my esteem!

Where else could one find a family as
wholly beautiful as all of you were when
the photograph was taken of you at my
retirement dinner last May 16? I know
no other such family, though I know a
number of admirable families. The only one
missing at my dinner, of course, was Kay.
And I am sure that, were you mother not
up against some pretty stiff competition
during a critical period of Kay's bringing
up, she would fit in with all the rest of
you. Even so, I suspect she has not diverged
a great deal from the basic pattern. Did
you ever see a more beautiful & rewarding
picture than the lot of you taken at that
dinner. Of all the pictures taken by Art
Smith that evening, that of your family
was the one I most wanted to turn out
well — and it lives up to all my hopes and
expectations. I'll have an extra copy made
for you and also one for your Aunt & Uncle
Teddy & Norman at Ventura. Also one for
Benno. I think he'll like one but, you know,
as I told your mother, he has put on so much
weight since May 16 that I could hardly

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believe it was he sitting alongside you. He still had the thin face that he had when he was in my class the autumn you met him & when I was out of school due to illness for a while.

Well, as I read my book "The Shook-Up Generation" about what, among other things, produces the youthful trouble makers in our big cities - with New York as the prime source, I kept thinking of the open, directness of personality and the sense of fundamental security that shows in the faces of all of you, so when I was ushered to a table after the wait that almost always occurs at Original Joe's, I thought up a toast to you - the first one now in quite a while. I thought how you had passed through all the circumstances that would have (& does) wrecked so many young persons who do not have the love & guidance that you had and in which your mother never failed you. I thought of the part of Chicago where you lived as one thinks of a piece of ground where rich soil is spread among a lot of rocks but out of which - well rooted - grows a lovely flower. And so, since you are the flower, the words of my toast came to me: "To you, flower

of the wildwood, rising strong and sturdy
from the stony ground - you are the very
stuff of life triumphant! "I know no one
else at all like you. Is it any wonder that
I have fallen so in love with you as a
personality, that I draw so much of
inspiration from you, and that I
miss you when days pass without
my seeing you? It's no wonder to me -
you are the wonder - over and over, day
after day.

Did I tell you that Bess Frank sent
me 5 tickets for the mandolin concert
and that it is scheduled for March 26?
I hope the date is clear for you, but we'll
have to find three other persons. If Herb
goes - as I presume he still plans to do - only
two more will be needed. Perhaps you know
a couple of music majors (or others) who would
be interested. We can discuss the matter,
if anything further is needed, when we
have dinner on Wednesday.

I hope your therapy was as beneficial as
it should have been today - but I would
still like to see you have the benefits of an
osteopathic treatment in addition. For years,
I've combined osteopathic treatment (with
much benefit) with medical treatment & with
all the doctors concerned fully informed. Well, my
space is up so, as always - Love - Carl.