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Dear Sandy:

As I have said to you many times you have the makings of a great man. I think you are already one of the greatest but I am afraid my judgement is a bit premature since most men first achieve such eminence in their obituary. Yes, I have read your last letter many times and it all boils down to the fact you need a woman - if you need 'er bad!! The right one, however.

Houston, I believe, is the place that is going to make you, directly or indirectly, a success. Running away and changing your clothes is not going to solve the problem that has presented itself there. You went to Houston to be an Asst. Chief of Surgery - not to be a missionary. Remember,

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Dr. Bakey was a resident in Charity
a huge County hospital in N.C.
(I think you told me Charity) For that reason
his line of judgement may be lower
or a great deal different from yours.
We both agree that medicine in the
South is far behind the standards of
Medicine in the north or East - but
whether a person's line of judgement
in surgery should be up or down -
left or right - that would be hard
for me to debate. In certain instances
they could all be right. Granted you
have proved to be right in more
cases than not, honey - you were
that way at P.H. That's because you
know (you're hot stuff - in bow) Jack
knows it - Dr. Bakey knows it too.
But darling, you are there to perceive not
to preach - at least in the beginning.
Do well your job and the rest will come.

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If DeBakey and Jack let you go the full length of your rope it wouldn't be long before you had both their jobs - ha! Don't worry about the business of compromise - think of it in degrees of judgement. It will work if you let it and they have lots they can teach you - if only by their mistakes).

Everyone here at P.H. think you are one of the luckiest guys in the world to be in Houston with such a good job. Many envy you! Bob O'Malley was the surgical resident called to make a diagnosis on me when I was sick. He order many things to be done - re-check on Blood Count etc. - called attending at 3 A.M. I begged him not to do half the things he did and he just looked at me and

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smiled - 'n I said, We have to do all the things the South west would do if he were here. I said no more because I knew they were your friends too - and it also was a reflection of your line of judgement.

I'm afraid I can be of little help to you now - The miles are too long and letters are so feeble. I hope you will find someone to fill the gap I have left. John still thinks I have first place in your heart but each day I grow older & wiser. Now I know I won't be seeing you for a long, long time.

I appreciate your desire to know my reaction to your troubles. It makes me feel like ole times. My advice would be not to try for Delafield - This is not the time. In the meantime you've got work to do - get busy!!!!

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Make new friends you can't have
too many -

Love,

Jorinda

P.S. "Don't talk chum chew
tops gum" - Honey I hope I
have made my point clear in this
letter - I wish I could talk
to you. Sweetheart - There's more
than one way to skin a cat - and
I don't have to tell you how - you have
skinned enough.

Be sweet -

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x444x - Are you coming to see
me in March - ? ? ? x444x

Late -

Forgot to tell you - I met
some friends of yours from B'ham
yesterday - Dr. Haagenow called
me to come down and meet them
in his office. Mrs. Blackwell & Mrs.
Blackwell Sr. - They promised to
phone your Mother & Pop to give
them my love. They mentioned
a luncheon your mother had
given you at Xmas. I thought
they were very charming and I
enjoyed meeting them very much.

Must go -

Love,

Journey

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