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Letter From a Personal Acquaintance in Australia to Geraldine Ferraro

Geraldine Ferraro

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Dear Gerv, WASHINGTON OFFICE

Perhaps, neither you nor
 any thoughts on the matter at the time
 (if anyone, you did) but [redacted] and I
 decided after seeing you on TV at Demo.
 '83 that you would be W.F.M's running
 mate (Fritz, by the way, is the
 Australian equivalent of baloney (poloney).
 Anyway, we are delighted for you, and
 expect that you will one day be President.
 I hope that you'll invite [redacted] and [redacted]
 Anne to the White House! (Unsolicted view.
 faint - if the ticket were Ferraro / X, you
 would win by 489 electoral votes to 49,
 exactly Reagan's win over Carter)

You must wonder about my address. No,
 it's not the American (or now Western) divorce
 divorce. I came here, having been forced
 by health to retire, to spend the '84 N.Y
 winter. The home on 16 June, I found
 myself instead in hospital. Today, I've
 just come home after my third operation
 for malignant melanoma, a very rapidly
 growing form of cancer. There now seems
 to be little hope that I'll make it

back home ([redacted] doesn't know this, yet ^{the}
the news is brand new, and she is on
vacation in Conn. (at the beach, of course!)
and I don't wish to spoil her holiday.)
Unless a miracle occurs, I'll have [redacted]
[redacted] fly out for a visit in
a few weeks.

I know that [redacted] saw you briefly in
Albany in (I think) 1983. I'm not sure
that I've seen you since [redacted] came
to [redacted] birthday party at Bear Mountain
in 1970.

Hope you and John and the "children"
are all well.

With very best wishes for everything -
[redacted]

The local papers have given you more
space than the entire remainder of the
U.S.A. You deserve it!