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Dear Barbra:

Gosh! Am I glad you had the persistence and the excellent medical background and support from Jim to find out what was really wrong. Mold-free diet! Wonders never cease. We just pray or rely as voo doo or just passaway. I thought being black was something to cope with and now here comes aging. I should be ready for it and in form, but I am not.

Nicola's hair is fast greying (her father was grey at 40). For the good news--this has been a banner year for her in her field as a developer. She wants to retire in 10 years. About your possible shift to another place for health care facilities. She suggests Kalamazoo, Michican. Her client there is very happy and successful; plus, his children are doing well. He is Dr. Charles Butler, heart surgeon. Check it out and if you are interested she will help from her end. For my part, Washington/Oregon and of course San Francisco are my leads. P.S. I still enjoy your saga on Oral Roberts.

As for Fielding--WOW! You wouldn't believe the impotence of the Board. It is evident that Nicola will not be returned for a second term (although it is customary). She has been chair for Finance Committee. And I will probably not complete my first term (after being returned following my required years absence). Bob Goulding, whom I love, runs the Board from the outside, thinking the rest of us are 'out to get Frederick'. Yes, I feel all founders should leave (this includes my dear friend Hallock) because Fielding has become a 'family business' and a guild for job security. Evidently, we can establish an institution and get it accredited, but are inept at building an institution. APA accreditation is the now MUST, retarding us from looking at 'the kind of Fielding the world needs'.

I had so wanted you to return to the Board, but honestly--we don't have the votes. Yes, this is the kind of interaction we now have and with a vengeance. Unfortunately, my attitude after all these years is--who needs it.

I wished we had another Board. If you know something--or other thinking about Fielding, let me know.