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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

It was with much excitement and joy that I returned from a brief visit to New York and found your most thoughtful contribution and letter in my mailbox. Surprises such as yours really make such a project feel worthwhile, for in the end our primary concern is for the individuals who have contact with this place. The fact that you've shown such faith in what we're doing without even visiting Shelburne Farms is truly gratifying, not only to myself personally but to all who work at Shelburne Farms Resources. I do hope that you and your family can find a time to come relax here for a weekend sometime. The Shelburne House, our conference center on the bluffs of Lake Champlain, is open through the end of September.*

We have not approached the Mary Flagler Cary Charitable Trust so I was very grateful also to receive that information and we shall inquire further by letter. From recent experience I am beginning to think our best chances are with individuals and local businesses but it never hurts to send out inquiries.

Regarding your point of inquiry about my international interest in land use, geography and ecology, I would be thrilled to meet with Russell Peterson. Perhaps, if it is convenient, some time in the fall would be good though I would very much like to hear his lecture in November as well. I must mention however, that though my interests still lie very much in the areas mentioned above, I believe my skills at this point are best cultivated in the area of international public relations. It is in the latter field that I have been turning my future vocational thoughts, but if such a job were ever possible within the realm of land use, geography and/or ecology, so much the better. My recent participation in a Soviet/American conference with my father in which I gave a speech to the Russians and read a poem I'd written has been the catalyst for such thought. So I would welcome any opportunity to explore these ideas further.

Thank you again for all your generosity and thoughtfulness.

* You would of course be our guests.

*1 The thought of international public relations

is actually new but my job at SFR is public relations nationally.

Happy Summer,

Eileen Rockefeller