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L.A. Ranch

June 8, 1982

Stonewall, Texas

Dear Mr. Kass:

Thank you so much for reinforcing Mr. Fenn's kind invitation for me to speak at one of the Ford Hall Forum sessions next November. I am grateful to you all for wanting me but, as I told Mr. Fenn, it simply is not possible for me to plan on coming. Public speaking has always been the most difficult of tasks for me and I have done little of it during me years back in Texas. I have truly believed my time was best spent actively working in other ways on projects and interests dear to my heart.

Now, as I approach my seventieth birthday, I am trying to slow down my life so as to have time for quiet visits with family and close friends and travel to some of those far away places I've dreamed of for years. It is clear that I simply have all I can handle next fall, and I am sorry.

With my appreciation and all good wishes for a most successful and stimulation Forum,

Sincerely,

Lois Berg Jones