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Dear Cissy,

I called your office last week while you were out of town. So, I thought I'd send you information on the Peace Encampment in Seneca, as that's why I was calling you.

Basically I wanted to alert you to the financial as well as the political situation. Since the political information is enclosed, I'll briefly tell you about the fiscal situation.

Since, we wanted as many women as possible to participate in the Encampment without fear of harrassment or arrest by the authorities, we decided the Encampment had to be a legal site.

As you know the, law of the land in the U.S. does not include the designation of common land as in England. We searched for land to rent and were not able to find any within five miles of the base.

With no possibility to rent we moved forward on a search to purchase land. Believe it or not we found a fine piece of land, 53 acres, which abuts the Seneca Army Depot. Whereas this is fine land, it also has a fine price \$37,000. This sounds alot like Comiso, huh?

Well, as you can imagine our costs are much higher than just the land payments. Printers can be put on credit, but mortgate payments are unavoidable. We met the first payment of \$17,000 last week. We must have \$10,000 together by June 15th and another \$10,000 by July 15th. Obviously I am asking for your assistance. If you can either contribute, ask friends to contribute or suggest people I could approach it would be much, much, much appreciated. I'll give you a call later in the week to talk this over with you.

Denna

PS I also thought you might want to know about the group out of Austin that is organizing for the Encampment. You can find out what they are doing by contacting Roxanne Elder at 512-474-5877.

Thanks for your time and thought.