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Mrs. Ward W. McFarland
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Our dear Frances:

Well, you don't know how terribly disappointed we were that you were not able to come to the game and come to Riley's and Frances's party. I will send you a copy of the letter that I wrote them; but here is what I wanted to tell you -- I don't know what you did to that "Old Man Ward". He used to look like your father, because he was so fat and wobbled along. Now they will use him for a fashion plate, and nobody hardly knew him, except for his smiling eyes and his wonderful laughter, and he looked better and was better.

I didn't get to see your beautiful baby boy, but I saw a lot of Ward, and we did miss you so much. All of your friends were there. You would be amazed at how much we miss you down here. Everybody always mentions what Ward did at the State Docks -- he and Riley. There is a big piece in the paper this morning. Well, he did a good job here and he was a thoroughbred, and if you are a thoroughbred here, you will be a thoroughbred there.

You are such a sweet woman and you are so brave and game. You stand up when things are going wrong and you smile right on through, even though I imagine you, like all of us, sometimes smile when you would like to cry. Well, we have so much to be thankful for, and everything came out all right. The future looks so good. We will be coming that way soon and we want to see you. I want to see your new house and I want to see that big boy, and we wish that you and Ward and those two beautiful boys lived right back here, out at beautiful Sky Ranch.

Well, the skies, the moon and the stars were all pretty out there where you used to live with us, overlooking that beautiful golf course that Ward and Riley and all the fine folks made possible, which has given so much health, wealth and pleasure to so many people. Oclo looked like a little Queen, and we do appreciate Ward's bringing her down here. Ward is always doing something good. I didn't get to see him, as I told you, half as much as I wanted to, but it was a joy and a pleasure to see that you have gotten him down in the right shape, because we need Ward McFarland and his wonderful, sweet, pretty wife, Frances, and those two

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boys. Ward has been a fabulous father and you have been a marvelous mother, and we are glad you are our friends. It has been a joy and a pleasure to work with you all down through the years.

Take good care of them, and always let us know when, how and where we can help. We don't get to see you, but we do think of you and we love you very much.

God bless you real good, and don't you fail to come next time that Ward comes.

With every good wish and lots of love again, not only from all of the Riley Smiths and the Frank Boykins, but the thousands of friends that love and respect you all down here in this great Mobile Bay country, where truly, "Everything Is Made For Love", and nobody has ever received more love than the Ward McFarlands.

God bless you again, real good.

Devotedly your old friends,

Oelle and Frank W. Boykin

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