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Dear Bess:

If my not writing brings me the pleasure of talking with you on the phone, I shall be tempted to be a poor correspondent. It was good speaking to you and I was only sorry to hear that you were not feeling up to par and were going into the hospital. This letter brings you wishes for a speedy recovery.

While I was amiss in not answering your kind greetings for my birthday - I have been carrying the letter around for the past few weeks but somehow the days and weeks and months fly - I did write you to Florida in March and am enclosing a copy of my letter. It is strange to look at it now and to think of events which now seem so much in the past and then were far in the future. But everything went well and the various events were most festive.

This past month what occupied any spare, and many not spare, minutes was the meeting of the Jerusalem Committee which, you may remember, I told you about. The Committee discussed the present and the future of our City - architecturally, culturally, socially, economically. The members who attended were prominent members of all walks of life: scholars and theologians, artists, and architects. I thought you would find the enclosed newsclippings and the Committee resolutions of interest as well as some of the material we submitted to them which will reach you separately. The meeting went especially well and I think we produced some excellent ideas and guidelines.

I do have news that I think will please you more than any other: As I told you over the phone Tamar and I took a one week vacation in Iran. (Well, I did manage to sell a few Jerusalem projects but I did keep the "work" part of the trip to a bare minimum.) We spent a few days in Teheran and then went on a tour to Shiraz and Persepolis. I cannot remember the last time Tamar and I went on a trip which was so enjoyable and so relaxing. I will really have to try to do it more than once every twenty years!


There is a chance that I will be in New York in November but plans for the trip are not yet definite. If so, I do look forward to seeing you. I would like to discuss with you the possibility of your undertaking a major project here, let us say a sixth birthday present for Jerusalem Reunited. If you have any ideas in what type project you would be interested, I could prepare some proposals for your consideration. I really do think it would be important - for Jerusalem which grows each day and has such pressing needs, for Jerusalem's mayor who would like to do as much as possible for the City we all love so much, and for you, as I can assure you that the projects I will suggest to you will bring you much pleasure and satisfaction. Please do give me your thoughts on this.

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With warm regards, my best wishes for your good health, and looking forward to seeing you in November.

Yours,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Teddy". The signature is stylized with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline that extends downwards and to the right.

Teddy Kollek

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