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Mrs. Mildred B. Schwartz
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Dear Millie:

It has now been quite some time since I saw you either alone or with Debbie. Since you won't bring your offspring in for annual inspection, the only alternative I have is either to call you up or write you a note. If I called you up then we could talk and there wouldn't be any reason for you to show up here in person. With all this preamble, maybe you can get the idea that there are at least a few people around here who would like to see you and your daughter and have a little visit.

On the serious side for a moment - the Bureau has issued leave regulations within the last couple of months which specifically limits maternity leave to a total of six months, including, sick, annual and leave without pay. Your original approved leave of these three kinds put together will run for approximately 41 more days. In view of these new Bureau regulations I suppose I am expected to arbitrarily cut off your leave without pay. Personally, I don't feel so hard-hearted about it. If you particularly want to continue your leave without pay status as it was originally approved, I feel sure that we can bury the papers somewhere so that no one will be the wiser. On the other hand, if it makes no difference to you, I am enclosing a copy of SF-52 so that you can return your resignation (we will make the 27 additional copies necessary here).

Maybe I am off base in presuming that you intend to resign but since you have kept your distance from here, I am forced to go on local gossip. This local gossip indicates that you are very happy in your new status as housewife and mother and I have not heard anything to indicate that we can look for you back. If you do plan to return to work, I believe you should notify us as soon as possible. The Bureau's regulation of six months maternity leave will become rather important in governing your return to duty.

If all this rambling doesn't give you good reason to come in and see us to find out how the place is still running without you, maybe you can think of some other useful reason. In any event, let us just say we will be glad to hear from you and gladder yet to see you for a little chat. There is no use in coming, however, unless you bring your darling daughter along.

Sincerely,

Frank