

206 North Donoho
Clarksville, Texas
December 12, 1974

Dear Mrs. Ford,

I am so very sorry that you have had breast cancer and am so glad that you are doing well. This is just a note to let you know that through the news coverage of your illness, I was led to self-examine myself for the first time because I had always thought that a yearly physical was sufficient.

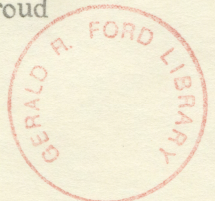
Last March I had my yearly examination was was fine, but as I examined myself on October 25th, I found a small lump on the outside of my right breast. I called the doctor about it and the mammograms indicated that there was trouble there. I entered the hospital on November 5th and the biopsy showed that there was a malignancy. Because of early detection, it was necessary for me to have only a modified mastectomy and no cobalt treatments because the cancer was just within the tumor. Had I waited until spring for my next yearly physical, it probably would have been a different story.

I was forty-two years old the day I entered the hospital and have two sons, one a college freshman and the other a 6th grader. My husband is with Civil Service at the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana, Texas.

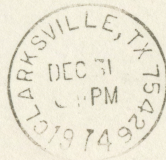
I was in the hospital a week and my recovery has been a speedy one because my general health was excellent and I had never been sick before. I am so thankful to have this behind me and hope and pray that you will be fine in the days to come.

Sincerely,

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