

March 7, 2002

Dear Randy —

My condolences to you on the passing of your friend Sylvia. I will always remember her this way, as she was in 1970 when she posed for me. I offered the Voice this early picture by the fountain, but of course they chose a later shot in which she looks tortured. The mainstream press still prefers to show us as tortured, depict us as tortured, as in The Boys in the Band, Sister George etc. And now they have Sylvia. Too bad they didn't show Sylvia as spunky kid, looking sweet and ~~was~~ winsome, even dignified and able to stand up for herself. Well, I ~~always~~ always tried to present our people in a favorable light, which was in fact the way I saw them and loved them. Not downtrodden but courageous and with gumption and determined to stand up for themselves. Randy, there is so much more heart in our movement than in the cloning movement. Deep down, I bet you agree Jack thinks you have a Goldstein

phone number. Can you send it  
to me: [REDACTED]

Photo credits Kay Tolbin Jakusen.  
Anyway, I thought you would  
like to have the enclosed photos.  
Who is the person standing next  
to ~~her~~ Sylvia?? Please do tell me. Bebe?  
Frank? Or?

Final point: Please do your  
will, Randy. NYPL's heavy  
security in their basement archives,  
plus climate control, I believe makes  
it the repository of choice. Call if  
you want to discuss. They'll need  
dollars to go behind any collection to  
pay for processing, now that budgets  
are cut, so consider this in doing  
your will. Use your willpower!

Are you OK financially after  
9-11? Am sure the shop and you  
must have suffered, but we  
count on you to be a survivor,  
economically and otherwise.

Barbara is doing well, though  
having a lot of fatigue. Still, she  
walks a brisk mile when weather  
permits. She'll be keynote speaker  
at Big Denver conference June 1. The  
photo show opens in S.F., May 15 - again,  
sympathy on Sylvia's passing. Kay