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Dear Jim:

I commend the Board of Trustees of Washington and Lee University for having the courage to make the momentous decision to go coeducational. I have confidence in the wisdom of the trustees who made the decision and I know we will chart new courses and be successful in our endeavors. Washington and Lee is an institution with a unique tradition and will continue to have outstanding leadership and a fertile alumni and constituency from which to draw its student body and future leaders.

As I came to work this morning, I was reminded of another momentous decision made by the Board of Trustees which occurred at the end of my freshman year in the summer of 1954 when they gave up "big time football." Many of the students and alumni thought that their Washington and Lee world was coming to an end.

[REDACTED] joins me in supporting the Board, Dr. John Wilson, and the Washington and Lee family in pursuing perpetuation of this great institution. If we can be of any assistance in this area, please know that we will offer support and assistance.

Best regards,

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Please Tell Betty Hello

cc: Board of Trustees
Mr. Farris P. Hotchkiss
Mr. Richard B. Sessoms
bcc: Mr. Peter A. Agelasto, III ✓

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