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Dear Miss Nelda,

Since we have not been able to talk lately, I would like to express my position on the Lawsuit.

1)--I was able to talk Bill out of a lawsuit on Dad's Will many, many years ago. I was unable to do this with Ida Marie. I never wanted this lawsuit to be brought up--however, I was unable to stop it.

2)--At the time Ida Marie filed the suit, if you remember, you told me not to worry--if she received anything, my children would receive the same amount. I believed you then and I believe you now. There was never a doubt that you would not do this. However, after your lawyers informed me that, unless my children were participants in the case they would receive nothing. Life being as uncertain as it is there was a possibility that, perhaps, you or myself might die before this case was over.

If that happened, my children would receive nothing--Ida Marie would get it all. If your lawyers had just given me a legal document stating your wishes---I would never have put my children in the lawsuit! Not knowing much about Law--it might have been illegal, I do not know.

3)--At that time, I had a decision to make! Knowing that this lawsuit was going to involve a lot of money and the outcome, to me, was obvious--I decided to involve my children.

4)--I have not received any legal papers regarding the settlement as yet. However, I was informed that one of the stipulations would be that I resign from the Board of the Stark Foundation.

Miss Nelda, if you will just consider, I have never, in all these years, tried to interfere in anything you have ever done with the Stark Foundation, or anything else in your life.

After giving it lots of consideration I can find no reason to justify my resignation from the Board. I had to make my decision about putting my children in the lawsuit--you have to make your decision about the Board. It is as simple as that. You have the power to fire me and that is your decision.

I would like to take this opportunity to say that, regardless of your decision about my position on the Board, I have really appreciated all the many wonderful things you have done for me and my family over the years--I will never forget them!

I am so sorry that this lawsuit has caused all this trouble and I never wanted this to happen.

My decision about my children was easy--yours might be harder.

Sincerely



P.S. At the last meeting with Ida Marie & lawyers about a settlement. They were not satisfied with the amount. I informed them that if they continued with this lawsuit--I was removing my children from the suit --they could go on by themselves! Needless to say they did not think that was right for me to do this.