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"I fear the power of choice over life or death at human hands. I see no human being whom I could ever trust with such a power — not myself or any other."

Pearl S. Buck, Nobel Laureate

A society is measured by the way it treats its young, its old, and its helpless. We recognize that the emphasis today is on "quality of life", but we must not let our concern for quality overpower our concern for LIFE itself.

We must safeguard the valuable tool we now have to determine each and every case individually — not by legislation but by HUMAN RIGHTS. Now that medical technology has advanced to the point where we no longer have a universal "definition of death" to rely on, we must rely on human rights for our ethics — for we can no more justify prolonging the dying process by the application of abusive technology when there is no possible hope of recovery than we can justify burying the "doubtfully dead".

OUR CHALLENGE IS CLEAR.

We must:

- take a more realistic and accepting approach to aging, disability, dying, and death.
- re-evaluate hospitals and institutions and restructure them, if necessary, to meet their vital and difficult tasks. Much CAN be done to meet the needs of the disabled and dying. One such successful program is the HOSPICE concept, which offers loving, compassionate and skilled care for the dying.
- build caring and concerned communities which will preserve and defend human life, rights and dignity.
- become better informed on today's life issues so that we might help others understand them.

THE QUESTION IS: ARE WE GOING TO SAY, "I'M SORRY YOUR LIFE IS DIFFICULT. I WILL KILL YOU;" OR ARE WE WILLING TO SAY, "I'M SORRY YOUR LIFE IS DIFFICULT. WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE IT BETTER"?

THIS'LL
KILL
YOU

eu·tha·na·sia \,yü-thə-'nā-zh(ē-)ə\ *n* [Gk, easy death, fr. *eu-* + *thanatos* death — more at THANATOS]: the act or practice of killing individuals (as persons or domestic animals) that are hopelessly sick or injured for reasons of mercy — **eu·tha·na·sic** \-zík, -sík\ *adj*

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EUTHANASIA

You've heard this word on TV. You've seen it in the newspapers. What does it mean to you? Does it mean that to **everyone**?

The **real** meaning of the word EUTHANASIA is muddled, because it conjures up images of everything from the senseless slaughter of millions in Nazi Germany, mercy killings, to "pulling the plug" on old Uncle Charlie when there is no more hope of recovery. Usually we hear about euthanasia in terms of positive/active euthanasia (**forcing** a person to die), or negative/passive euthanasia (doing nothing, **allowing** death to come naturally). But as medical science rapidly changes, these distinctions become engulfed in a "rhetorical smokescreen", and it becomes increasingly important for us to "clear the air" so that we might fully understand this LIFE and DEATH issue that **may well affect us**.

Today, the word euthanasia has been stretched to include three quite different concepts:

- Death with Dignity
 - Mercy Killing
 - Death Selection
- **DEATH WITH DIGNITY**, in the truest sense, means **allowing a terminally ill patient to die naturally**, without the mechanized desperation that often turns death into an inhumane ordeal (e.g. not using, or discontinuing, **extraordinary** means when a person has irrevocably entered the process of dying — in some instances called "pulling the plug"). No church, no law, no medical group disapproves of Death with Dignity.

EACH OF US HAS THE RIGHT TO EXPECT AND TO DEMAND TO DIE WITH DIGNITY, JUST AS WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPECT AND TO DEMAND TO LIVE WITH DIGNITY.

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THE INTENT IS WHAT WE MUST KEEP UPPERMOST IN OUR MINDS:

- Are we merely allowing nature to take its course when there is no more hope, while making the patient as comfortable as possible? (Death with Dignity)
- Or, is the intention to **HELP THE INDIVIDUAL TO DIE**, either by **direct killing** or **by doing nothing, when help and support is possible**, even though circumstances might be difficult? (Mercy Killing)
- Or, is the intention to **DESTROY A HUMAN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUPS OF HUMAN INDIVIDUALS because they are unwanted, imperfect, or inconvenient?** (Death Selection)



While you might think that all this talk about euthanasia doesn't concern you, **euthanasia societies are alive and growing**, both in numbers and in influence. Among the most active are the Euthanasia Society of America (recently renamed the Society for the Right to Die, Inc., because the word "euthanasia" hurt lobbying efforts), the Euthanasia Educational Council, and the American Humanist Society.

Another organization, the Good Death Fellowship, wrote in its quarterly publication "Euthanasia News" (Vol. 1, No. 1) that the fellowship "is designed, in essence, to help people to achieve a good death". The same issue states: "Several major industries are poised and ready to make available not merely "another pill" but a wide and colorful range of products and methods to meet the needs of those who have lived their lives and are about ready for a good death."

This is not to say that we should neglect the dying person. The dying person, like any human being, is entitled to medical care that is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances involved. We must CARE, even when there is no hope for CURE.

- **MERCY KILLING** is positive, direct euthanasia, either voluntary or involuntary. As opposed to Death with Dignity, which permits the dying to die naturally, Mercy Killing employs **active means to cause death**, or at least to speed up death (such as a lethal injection).

Mercy Killing also includes the **abandonment or withdrawal of ordinary medical care** — those medical and surgical procedures commonly used to relieve sufferings and problems due to injuries and/or illnesses, based on the *individual* patient, the *individual* circumstances, and the available medical technology. (An example of this second type of Mercy Killing would be the denial of necessary surgery to a child who is retarded, when, if needed by a "normal" person, the identical care would not be questioned.)

WE MUST MAINTAIN A CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN "LET HIM DIE" and "KILL HIM OFF".

- **DEATH SELECTION** (involuntary or even mandatory euthanasia) involves the killing of persons who are "no longer considered socially useful" or who are judged to be a "burden" on society. This type of euthanasia, more aptly called **MANAGERIAL EUTHANASIA**, is rooted in a hard-core utilitarianism which sees no value beyond social utility, and balances life solely on a cost/benefit scale. Death Selection — the "sleeper" in this debate — poses a real threat to many groups in our society, especially the aged, the severely handicapped, and the retarded.

The philosophies of these organizations have spread widely — into the classrooms, into public policy, and into the legislatures. Fifteen states* have introduced euthanasia or death-related bills, most of which have not passed — yet. Two examples are:

- The 1975 Montana bill HB256 would allow a doctor to **administer euthanasia**, or to instruct a nurse to do so, or to provide lethal drugs to the family. Any individual over 18 can sign a statement, revocable only once, to qualify for medicated death.
- In Florida, Representative Walter Sackett, M.D. has introduced "Death with Dignity" legislation every session since 1968. His 1973 bill (HB407) would allow a "competent" person to sign a paper instructing doctors to let him die if he becomes terminally ill or injured. Relatives of an "incompetent" person could proscribe death providing two physicians agreed. But for an irreversibly ill patient with no relatives, the simple signatures of three physicians approved by a judge are all that is needed to sign the death contract. Representative Sackett suggests that the state of Florida could save five billion dollars in the next half century if 90% of the state's severely retarded and mentally ill were allowed to die. (The National Association for Retarded Citizens has vigorously opposed HB407.)

Keeping in mind that Death with Dignity, as defined earlier, is acceptable to most people, euthanasia bills must be questioned for their underlying purpose. Are they paving the way for future legislation for Mercy Killing or Death Selection?

- In Maryland, when state Senator Julian L. Lapidus introduced his 1974 euthanasia bill to the legislature, he was asked whether the bill would provide a wide-open door for Mercy Killing in the future. He replied, "Well, not a wide-open door, but maybe it opens it a crack."

Only "viable" human beings who have the "capability of meaningful life" may, but need not, be protected by the state.

United States Supreme Court
Decision on Abortion, January 22, 1973
(Roe vs Wade page 48)

*Florida, Wisconsin, Oregon, Montana, Illinois, Hawaii, Maryland, Washington, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Idaho, Delaware, Virginia (as of 1976)

LIFE IS A CONTINUUM. At one end of the spectrum, life is being destroyed before birth. And now, **legalized euthanasia is a genuine possibility.** AND WHY NOT?

A society that accepts the right to kill infants in the womb because they might be unwanted, imperfect, or merely inconvenient, should have no difficulty in accepting the right to kill other human beings who might be judged unwanted, imperfect, or merely inconvenient. Several influential leaders of the abortion and euthanasia movements have suggested that next logical step:

- Nobel Laureate Dr. James D. Watson, who cracked the genetic code, said that abortion is permissible when a child is determined to be defective in utero, but . . . "most defects are not discovered until birth. If a child were not declared alive until three days after birth, then all parents could be allowed the choice . . . the doctor could allow the child to die if the parents so chose and save a lot of misery and suffering". (AMA PRISM, May 1973)
- Abortion advocate Dr. Glanville Williams, in his widely praised book *The Sanctity of Life and the Criminal Law*, asks for "humanitarian infanticide" and "euthanasia for handicapped children".
- Dr. Robert H. Williams, professor of endocrinology, wrote that "planning to prevent overpopulation of the earth must also include euthanasia, either negative or positive". (Northwest Medicine, July 1970) He also suggests the killing of "potential suicides" and "hopelessly criminal individuals" as well as the terminally ill in discomfort or pain. (Seattle Times, March 7, 1973)
- Dr. Joseph Fletcher, professor of medical ethics, wrote that there must be quality control in the terminating of life as in its initiating. "What has taken place in birth control is equally imperative in death control." ("Ethics and Euthanasia", **To Live and To Die: When, Why, and How**, ed Robert H. Williams)

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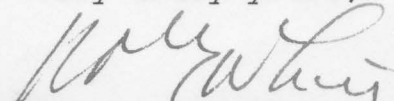
Dear Mr. Lampe:

To confirm my telephone conversation with you on March 4, 1976, this firm represents Mary Senander and Maureen Boisclair regarding publication of the brochure THIS'LL KILL YOU. We enclose herewith copy of a letter dated February 26, 1976 directed to Mr. Jim Barbo of Sexton Printing regarding that particular brochure.

It is their intention to have the pamphlet printed as set forth in the attached letter. The pamphlet will be copyrighted. You are directed that no printing of this brochure shall be done without the expressed permission and consent of the authors, Mary Senander and Maureen Boisclair. This is to inform you that they claim exclusive rights to this brochure in the manner of its printing and also in its distribution.

We are hopeful that the brochure will further the aims of all of us in the Right To Life Program.

Very truly yours,


Robert T. White

RTW:sg



TO: JIM BAYCO, SEXTON PRINTING

FROM: MARY SENANDER, MAUREEN BOISCLAIR
1205 Pennsylvania Av N; Golden Valley, MN 55427
546-5090

DATE: FEB 26, 1976

RE: THIS'LL KILL YOU

This is to confirm printing of 10,000 copies of THIS'LL KILL YOU as per paper and color notations that you have, to be delivered to the above address on Thursday, March 4, 1976.

\$250.00 has been paid on this account, with the balance to be paid C.O.D. upon delivery, excluding set-up and miscellaneous charges pertaining to the second title (This Could Kill You) which will not be printed.

Authorized changes as of this date are:

- 1) eliminate word February.
- 2) eliminate "published by..." and substitute:

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This run is authorized for a printing of 10,000 copies only. No future runs may be made without the authorization of Mary Senander and/or Maureen Boisclair, verified by the signatures below.

We would appreciate duplicate, itemized and detailed statements. Thank you.

Mary Senander

Maureen Boisclair



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Dear Ben:

Enclosed are copies of two recent invoices for typesetting of a brochure ACCL has been working on. We got into a dispute with the authors and they have decided to take over responsibility for the brochure (see enclosed documents).

As part of this agreement the authors have agreed to assume the typesetting costs. Last week I forwarded a \$50 check from Mary Senander made out to Computer Graphics in partial payment for the typesetting. I would appreciate it if you could transfer the billing for the amount still outstanding to her address:

Mary Senander
1205 Pennsylvania Ave. No.
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Ph: 546-5090



If you have any questions about this, please contact me at the office number above.

Sincerely,

Joe Lampe
Joseph A. Lampe

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March 10 '76

Dear Joe,

Please accept my check for \$50.00
in good faith that it will cover
all typesetting charges pertaining
to the original authorized version
of *This'll Kill You*.

It will send a check for the re-
mainder upon receipt of an
itemized bill from Computer
Graphics.

Sincerely,

Mary Lenander



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Dear Mr. White:

I was unable to reach you or Mr. Boyd by telephone on Friday to discuss your letter to me of March 4 or my memo of the same date to Mary Senander and Maureen Boisclair.

I have, however, discussed the brochure situation with the printer, who feels that it is in his best interest to not print any of the versions currently on order until there is a better resolution of the claims to the brochure. He is also unable to release the camera ready typeset copy as suggested by Mary because it is, of course, still owned by ACCL.

It would be of benefit to ACCL to print and distribute the brochure, but Mary and Maureen are apparently opposed to this at the present time. However, on Friday Mary indicated their willingness to assume the brochure development costs incurred by ACCL (typesetting and printing), except changes in the printing order made by me after her February 26 letter to the printer. If ACCL proceeds with the printing per our earlier agreement she stated that action would have to be taken against ACCL.

Because ACCL has no intention of retaining counsel to oppose such an action and has no interest in the spectacle of pro-life volunteers suing a pro-life group over the title of a brochure, ACCL will agree to terminate its earlier distribution agreement and to relinquish any rights to the brochure, subject to the financial proviso above. The two typesetting invoices outstanding are in the amounts of \$50.69 and \$90.69. Upon receipt of these funds ACCL will instruct Sexton Printing to cease all production of the brochure in our behalf. ACCL also agrees to then turn over ownership and possession of the camera ready copy boards now held by the printer.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph A. Lampe
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To: Maureen Boisclair and Mary Senander

From: Joe Lampe



As a result of reviewing ACCL's records on the euthanasia brochure project and discussing the project with Maureen and with Sexton Printing I feel it is advisable to put ACCL's position on the matter in writing. It is regrettable that disagreements, misunderstandings and delays have prevented getting the brochure to the public earlier, and I am pleased that nationwide distribution will begin in a few days. I believe that the brochure is very good and hopefully it will achieve wide circulation.

It is ACCL's position that a legally binding verbal agreement exists between you and ACCL to the effect that the brochure "This'll Kill You" is to be printed and distributed by ACCL and is to carry your names as authors. The brochure is to be published in the public domain and any person or group may reprint or modify it at their discretion.

In accordance with this agreement ACCL has contracted with Sexton Printing to print 5000 copies of the brochure and 5000 additional copies carrying a modified title. Third parties are not authorized legally to act in ACCL's behalf to modify this printing contract or to give instructions to the printer except through me acting in my capacity as ACCL's administrator. You are perhaps aware that your interference with the printer has already resulted in a delay of at least an additional week. It would seem that our primary goal is or ought to be getting the brochure distributed as rapidly as possible.

Beyond the cost of printing the brochures ACCL has invested in excess of \$200 in typesetting, mailing permits, etc.; and we will incur further expenses in promoting the brochure. ACCL may be willing to absorb the costs incurred at your direction by Sexton Printing in making various changes in the order.

If you wish to purchase all or some of the press run of "This'll Kill You" we would be pleased to provide them to you at our printing cost of approximately \$.05 each. You are also free to purchase brochures directly from Sexton Printing or to have more printed elsewhere.

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March 2, 1978

For: Laurence Holsinger and Mary Gansbacher

From: Joe Lange

In a result of reviewing AOC's report on the euthanasia procedure project and discussing the project with Hansen and with Senator Fritting I feel it is advisable to put AOC's position on the matter in writing. It is regrettable that disagreements, misunderstandings and delays have prevented getting the procedure to the public earlier, and I am pleased that nationwide distribution will begin in a few days. I believe that the procedure is very good and hopefully it will achieve wide circulation.

It is AOC's position that a legally binding verbal agreement exists between you and AOC to the effect that the procedure "This Will Do" is to be printed and distributed by AOC and is to carry your name as author. The procedure is to be published in the public domain and any person or group may reprint or modify it at their discretion.

In accordance with this agreement AOC has contacted with Hansen printing to bring 5000 copies of the procedure and 5000 additional copies carrying a modified title. Third parties are not authorized legally to use in AOC's behalf to modify this printing contract or to give instructions to the printer except through me acting in my capacity as AOC's representative. You are permitted to have any type of interference with the printer has already resulted in a delay of at least an additional week. It would seem that our primary goal is or ought to be getting the procedure distributed as rapidly as possible.

Beyond the cost of printing the procedure AOC has invested in excess of \$200 in typewriting, mailing guides, etc. and we will incur further expenses in promoting the procedure. AOC may be willing to absorb the costs incurred at your direction by Hansen printing in making various changes in the other.

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If none of these arrangements is satisfactory, ACCL might be favorably inclined to allow you to withdraw from our agreement by purchasing ACCL's interest in the project. This would primarily entail you assuming all of of ACCL' typesetting and printing liabilities for the brochure, since all time and materials on our part were donated.

If I do not hear from you I will assume that the printer is to continue with the job as we submitted it to him.



October 29, 1975

TO: Marj Mecklenburg
Judy Fink

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typing please!

FROM: Mary Senander
Maureen Boisclair

The problem areas on the brochure that we were to work on are complete, but we have not yet received complete documentation on the state legislative section. (Mr Horikon responded very quickly about Florida's legislation.)

We will be sending corrected drafts (minus Joe's section) to you in the next few days. Is it possible to start wheels in motion for typeset, artwork, etc at this point, leaving a short blank area on legislation? (We assume our info is accurate, but want to see actual wording of bills in Montana and Oregon.)

We also feel the urgency of releasing the brochure, especially in light of the Quinlan case. Is it feasible to shoot for December 1 as a release date?

Although we see the need for alternative programs brochures, we see the need for developing additional euthanasia materials (especially for speakers and pro-life organizations) as even more urgent. As speakers who spend most of our time on this issue, we sense a frustration (shared by many other speakers) of not having materials available. While audio-visual materials would be helpful, even more necessary is a leadership packet or speaker's manual on the issue. With support, feed-in and direction, we would be willing to continue to work in this area.

(We are working as a team for 7 euthanasia presentations at Cooper High School in Robbinsdale on Nov 13. Perhaps Pat Herje would like to observe in order to get a feeling for the issue as we present it. As an outsider, she might easily recognize areas that need or merit technical assistance. If it is not possible for her to attend any of these, I will be doing a 2 hr - including discussion - seminar at St Joseph's Church in New Hope on November 12.)

In regard to conferences on alternatives: we would be very interested in attending should funding and time allow. We need much self-education in these areas before we will feel comfortable undertaking a brochure in this area of alternatives. Please be assured that any information we would gain from these seminars would be shared other pro-lifers who also need the information (tapes, notes, etc).

While we continue to build background on alternatives, if there are people who can work on alternatives presently, we would appreciate being freed up to continue work in the area of euthanasia.

We hope to see you at the MCCL convention.



Maureen Boisclair
Mary Senander



Jan 6

Hi Judy!

Happy New Year! Hope this finds you and your family well, healthy and not too exhausted after the holidays. I'm sure it was a particularly wonderful & blessed Christmas for all of you after the good medical report your daughter received from Mpls in November. Please know I shared this special joy.

I'm wondering if you've had time to draft the letter to the head of the Baptist Study Committee on Euth, asking for any info he might share? As you recall, you were to send it to me, then I was to retype and post it from Mpls (on ACCL stationery or not?).

Also, I wondered if, since you're working on the Prayer Breakfast, if that might be the place to distribute the This'll Kill You! brochure for the 1st time -- perhaps with a cover letter of introduction and maybe order blanks. (I hope ACCL can sell millions, and get the message out, and make lots of money!)

The brochure is at the designer's now (Bob Kokaisal). A push from you might hurry it up a bit. As you know, Maureen & I had set an Oct 1 Target date on this project, and we are quite disappointed and frustrated that it's not out yet, esp. with current events & in light of media coverage.

Because of this, Judy, I want to take a few minutes of your time to express some concerns about ACCL structure -- certainly not to criticize, but because I see a basic problem that I think can be corrected. I'm sure you remember the discussions we had on the way home from St Cloud about organizational problems and the need for lines of communication. Because I know you care, and want to explore the best avenues for a structure that allows many to provide for the needs of the organization, I bring these comments to you. If you feel they warrant further attention, I hope that you, as an officer, will bring them to the appropriate people.

As you know, Maureen & I are very willing to produce materials for ACCL, or for whatever organization can put them to best use. In return for our many hundreds of hours, we expect a reasonable amount of help and support.

With this brochure, we offered ACCL the first refusal. The original intent (still our intent) is to get the nation using identical terminology in as short a time as possible. We felt ACCL was the best vehicle to do this, and ACCL thought so too! We completed the first draft the end of July. Joe and Marj saw it in August. Some parts were to be redrafted and documented more precisely. Joe planned to do some of it; we completed our portion by mid Sept. Eventually we reworked Joe's section because he didn't have time.

Now it's January, and it's still not out. The problem? At this time, as far as I am aware, all business of this type must go thru Joe and/or Marj -- who already have too much to do. We would have been pleased to go ahead by ourselves -- hire an artist, get it printed, find volunteers to address envelopes to introduce it, etc -- once the text had been approved. But we were lead to believe that this was not the way it should be handled.

Yesterday I met Joe at Bob's office to discuss layout. I can't help but believe

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its silly for Joe to ~~waste~~ spend time for this kind of thing (or anything that could be handled by others) when his time is so very valuable in other areas.

I am aware that some key person must have some control over everything that goes out with the ACCL label. But is it possible that these things could be handled more on an approval basis, working with relevant committees, etc.?
(In this case a committee for production of audio/visual materials, etc).

At the same time, we must be very careful not to alter (or censor, in a mild sense) the tone of works such as ours. Our brochure is not for intellectuals, or for the professionals, or for the elite. Its for Al and Mary Common, written by BS Ordinary. Because we are BS (!), we have a good idea of what the Commons want -- which might not be exactly what someone else needs. I have the impression that more is expected of this brochure than that -- & in something like this, we just can't be all things.

We've begun work on 2 slide shows and a speakers' guide to accompany the brochure. But we will not turn them over to any organization that will put them on ice for 5 months before beginning production. Rather, we would pay for and produce them ourselves, or turn our efforts in other more fruitful directions -- neither one advantageous to ACCL.

We must insure close lines of communications on projects too. After brainstorming several hours on graphic symbols, etc for the slide show, I heard, quite accidentally yesterday, that Bob is doing the same sort of thing for Paul Andreini. Now I recognize that ~~upon~~ the same art work, etc, can't be used twice, but there are ~~two~~ advantages of maintaining at least minimum communication -- inspiration from other art works to take off in newer and different directions, and second, there might be a more unified tone surrounding. . .

Please don't write me off as a complainer, Judy. I'm not that -- I am willing to work, and in fact, to take on a bit more if I can (so long as it doesn't interfere with my family or my health -- I've really had to slow down because of my asthma lately, tho I'm still able to speak about twice a week).

It's just that I'm feeling the same sort of "clamped-down-on, not-going-anywhere" frustration that I felt in my state organization -- a frustration felt by too many prolifers. As long as we feel we are making a contribution that is making a difference, that frustration just doesn't come. We all want to make a difference, even if its just a little difference.

We think these materials will make a difference. If you agree, please try to pave ways so that we can continue. If we know what you want, and know that it will be used and will make a difference, we will try to provide for your needs.

Well, I guess I'd best make dinner now. I'm sorry we won't see you in Wash on Jan 22 -- our budgets don't stretch that far. We are aware of the special contacts that we might have made -- its incredible to envision thousandsof top notch prolifers -- from every direction -- together at one time. But our prayers are with you.

Thanks Judy
It got longer than I expected!
Mary Serandier