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My Dear Friends,

As we come up to the closing of this decade, I find that I am more grateful than ever for all of the blessings that I have in my life.

I have been given so much; I am very lucky to have a loving, close family, and I have friends whom I truly care about, and among those are all of you; wonderful people who have supported me in my work for so many years. Many of you I know, some I have never met, but all of you have been so important to me because I know that you are there and that you have enjoyed the work that I have done, and that has meant a great deal to me.

Life goes on in a remarkable way for me, and I'm sure, for many of you. I have learned to accept what happens and to roll with the punches, and my faith in God has carried me through in so many instances.

I do miss working regularly, but find that I am so happy at home, and when I have to go into New York City for an audition, I almost don't want to go. But my wonderful agents are looking out for me, and if I can work once or twice a year, just to keep my hand in, I am quite content.

Home is fun for me; lots of cooking, cupboards to clean, TV shows to catch up on, and books to read - my nightstand is piled high with books that I have put aside for years and that I am now slowly going through. I still have the attic to deal with, but I will put that off, probably forever.

I sincerely hope that you are all well, and bearing up. It's been a difficult time for all of us, no matter which political leanings you have, in terms of the political climate in this country; the unbelievable rise in senseless murders, the total lack of any kind of moral judgment from so many people - but we go on and do the best we can with what we are given.

On a lighter note, I do, most sincerely, want to thank the remarkable people who have run our club for so many years. Walter Miller, our leader in chief, who just reminded me that I have been writing these letters coming up to 48 years. He has been an absolutely dependable and delightful friend for me since we first met in 1971. When he suggested that he start a fan club for me, I had no idea that we would still be going on this many years later, and it is really due to his diligence and persistence.

Kit and AJ, two great ladies, have been invaluable to the club and to me.

If I could have them run my life, I would.

Finally I want to thank all of you for your friendship and loyalty, and wish you all a wonderful Holiday season and a happy, healthy and stress free 2020.

With love and gratitude,

