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Dearest Nell :

I am so excited about the book with Viking ! The contract will be signed shortly - when it comes and I can deliberate a bit more over the fine print - But the big decisions are made, I am committed and so is Viking. I'm now writing to all the women - trying to set up a trip East in June - July to meet and do some Eastern women involved.

Summer is, I know, a busy time for you - and I want to work into your over-all schedule (of the next six months) - I can come in the fall for a serious visit, or we can do it in a few pieces - which I'd love - because I'd get to see you more than once. - let us share our plans as they develop - and try to meet once this summer !

20 May Just received your letter and, as you can see by this one - I understand completely about the children and

summer and all the strain involved - even
with the joy of your families' visits'.
My suggestion is that we meet briefly
this summer - that we introduce
ourselves, doing either the portrait or
a piece of interview - or conversation.
And then I'll come back in the fall,
which I shall have to anyway.
In "our" case, I want to come see
you more than once, be of some
help to you (perhaps get some
of your stuff organized for you
and generally record more than
I need for the book of conversations.
Besides, we'll want to decide what
photographs to use together for
the book. There is time! The book
might be SPRING 1979 or even
fall 1979 if 1978 fall publication
date is unrealistic.

I am now writing other women,
praying that they will agree to
participate. ~~Would it~~

Now May 23rd - these days are
truly impossible. They don't contain

enough hours to get everything done .
But somehow one cannot resist doing ,
all the things - and that is the problem .

I am now going to get this in the
mail - reminding you of my love - and
the nostalgic fact that 18 years ago
today 23rd Frederick + I were married.
Much love flows from us to you .

Always,
Greta