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Mr. Covington Hardee
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Dear Covington:

We are so proud of you, and we think of you so much - yet, there you sit in Connecticut not knowing you have a cousin who really thinks you are great and a credit to the Covington clan.

I appreciate more than I can tell you the book **LIFE DANCE** that you and Joan and Nell Dorr have put together. It is just that - a "life dance". How beautiful and poignant that you two were willing to share such a beautiful affection and love between you - and what a credit to your children.

I remember Joan with deep respect and affection, but I remember one other important thing - the manner in which you treated Joan. I shall never forget a visit you made to the apartment in New York and how little I was aware of her infirmity and how beautifully you held her coat for her to slip her arms into it as you were leaving. That, too, was part of the "life dance" you had together - and I am glad I was able to share in some manner. Thanks so much for my numbered copy. Jim and I shall always cherish it.

I talked to Evermond this past week and understand you have also just received another important honor. I am sure I did not get the details right, but she was so excited and described how beautiful the ceremony was handled, and I only wish I could have shared.

Again, congratulations, and never forget you have a cousin in North Carolina who loves you and your sister and always loved your mother and father.

Love,

Katherine

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