

November 3, 1992

The Most Reverend William B. Friend  
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Dear Bishop Friend:

It had been my intention to resign as a consultant to the Committee on Science and Human Values after the planned dialogue with the National Academy of Sciences. Because the date for the dialogue is uncertain, I now write, with mixed feelings, to resign.

My participation with the Committee over the last years has been enormously rewarding for me. One of my central criteria, in deciding among many opportunities for activities, is the extent to which I can "teach" science. You and your colleagues have given me an extraordinary opportunity in this regard. Your interest and seriousness of purpose has made working with you and challenge and a great pleasure. Personally too, I have enjoyed getting to know the remarkable, and changing group of men who have served on the Committee.

I have become convinced, however, that a fresh point of view would be a great benefit for the Committee. For example, you have recently become increasingly interested in environmental issues, and I bring you only a superficial view of that. Also, my general viewpoints, like anyone's, are idiosyncratic and not representative. It is also true that, with the passing of time, my own interests and commitments have shifted and enlarged, making my continued participation difficult and uncertain.

I have learned an enormous amount from my work with the Committee over the years. It has been a fascinating intellectual "club" of the highest and most challenging calibre. I have also appreciated the friendship of the Bishops who have served on the Committee. Please convey to them my warm,

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cordial, and respectful greetings and regrets. Please also tell them that if, in future, I can be of occasional service, it will be a pleasure and honor to do so.

With very kindest regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maxine".

Maxine F. Singer

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