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MILDRED EMORY PERSINGER

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13 October, 1983

The Board of Directors
International Women's Tribune Centre, Inc.
305 E. 46th Street
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Colleagues,

It is with the greatest regret that I find it necessary to resign from the IWTC Board. I treasure the association with you and the staff and the decision has not been easy.

The Board's readiness to buy into the formula recommended at our September management session made me realize that years, perhaps too many, of board training under the alternative "voluntary model" have so conditioned my reactions that I am unlikely to function acceptably in another way.

Actually, the *de facto* model for IWTC during the past year has been the "corporate model." On the basis of this experience, I am convinced that this model will work more smoothly if all concerned are of like mind about it.

The dynamics which have brought us to this point may always be a mystery to me. As I stated in the September 28th meeting, the narrow context in which the discussion was cast seemed to me to be based on misperception and lack of communication. The violence done relationships is tragic...and all because people were not talking with each other.

The absence of my name on the Board list on the 1983-4 proposal and elsewhere will probably not be noticed. As an eight-year investment in IWTC is not one I want to squander, I am anxious that this resignation not be seen, inside or out, as a protest. Heavy commitments to other organizations and a trip out of the country for five or six weeks this fall make this the right time to sign off. But as always, I am an interested supporter of IWTC's purposes and ready to help in whatever ways I can.

This brings earnest good wishes for each of you and for your work together.

Yours,

Mildred