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Dear Phil,

I am very flattered that you asked me to give you my social work dreams. I have dreamt different ones over the years and have, just now, settled on this one:

I'd like world government, built on democratic principles, modelled after the ones worked out by those remarkable pundits, the Founding Fathers for the U.S. And I'd like something of Mao's "Continuous Revolution" added, so that there is an ideology against stagnation and rigidity. I'd like mankind to underwrite the idea of choices, diversity, change. The goal is not only peace and security, not equality and stability. I would like a premium on developing critical judgment rather than submissive acceptance and the development of the capacity to adapt and to change.

Have I ever changed my views, since I started out: I used to admire homogeneity and uniformity. Now I think that would be dangerously boring and would lead a society to self-destruct. We are only living well, if we have challenges, friction, controversy and the like.

Now, love and best wishes,

Hilde Lewis