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Dear Felix:

I am sorry that I have caused you so much trouble by my asking you to proceed with my divorce and then asked you to wait. As much as I hate to go through this for the sake of my children, I have to do it.

I have gone to different counselors and the last one told me that the immediate family should have counseling sessions at the same time. Joe doesn't want to go, because he says he can't afford it. He has asked me to pay room and board, and has told that he is going to ask the Bank of North America to remove my name from our joint checking account, and has closed some of the charge accounts that we had. I never write any checks under his name, and have therefore opened a charge account under my name so that I may pay for purchases I make for the children and home. Seems like our life together is getting worse day by day. We don't communicate at all, unless we have to talk to one another for something. There is so much hate between us that I can't stand it any longer. I have been taking tranquilizers. Please go ahead with the divorce procedure because I am positive that our life together will never change for the better. As a matter of fact now that the boys go out at night, I am afraid to stay with Joe by myself at night. Joe told one time that the doctor told him that he had to take medication all the time or he might become violent without it. Well, that's what I am afraid of. You know that he has harmed me several times, and really what's going to happen after the children leave home? I do

I could stay here in Houston, but I am afraid that when Joe is notified of the divorce, he and my older boy may hurt me. There has been two or three times when both have tried to harm me. You see, my oldest boy takes Joe's side. Adam doesn't have any respect for me at all, because Joe never corrects him when he screams at me and says something unpleasant. Bobby, my youngest boy is a good boy, but seems like he is beginning to act like his brother. Even with all of this, I would like to have custody of all my children. That is if Adam obeys me. Bobby has a job (summer) and his friends are here in Houston, and I don't really know what he wants to do.

I want to leave Houston around August 20th or sooner. I would like to appear in court sometime after August, Joe has been buying Freedom Bonds since last August. He has a Credit Union Savings Account with Rheems Mfg. Co. And of course, a checking account at the Bank of North of America. I believe he needs the money at the bank to pay his current bills.

Will you call me at work if you need more information? My number is Jackson 94921, extension 256.

Yours truly,



