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Dear Betty,

We want you to know how rewarding it was for all of us to visit with you and learn of your long and dedicated struggle against the 2000 years of Judeo-Christian tradition which has held women in such contempt. What you have said, what you have done, and what you have taught in Catholic Theology are all so central to the liberation of women. We now know how true Naomi Weisstein's description of you as "one of those foot soldiers in the struggle for women's liberation long before most of us had even articulated our oppression" is. Thank you for that experience.

In your conversations with us and with Dean Carrier we know you gained an understanding of the present educational crisis in California, the increasingly reactionary way new, experimental programs are being viewed by the State College Trustees and the California Legislature, and the very precarious and uncertain position this places the Women's Studies Program in. Because it is now becoming clear to us that our staffing allocations will probably not be finalized until the end of the summer, we feel that it is only fair to you that you be free to make other plans for the next academic year.

We say this reluctantly for your energy, warmth, courage and fighting spirit would be obvious assets in working with women in San Diego. However, we know that these qualities will benefit the Women's Liberation Movement wherever you are next year.

Again, thank you for taking the time to talk and visit with us. We will be keeping you informed about our on-going struggle to make the Women's Studies Program here a sound and viable one, and we know that your past and future work will be valuable resources to the Program's continuing development.

Yours in struggle,

Carol Rowell

Carol Rowell and,
the Women's Studies sisters