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Dear Betty:

Since I have not been able to get in touch with him, I am taking the unorthodox liberty of sharing my concerns with you. I would very much appreciate it if you could relay this information to him either verbally or by letting him read this note. If you're not comfortable doing either, I understand.

The intention of this note is not to "tattle-tale", but to clarify. My meeting with Marsha was not at all what I expected. While she was very pleasant, she questioned me endlessly about my situation. Despite the fact that she already knew why I had to leave, she asked me to tell her about it, asked if I had acted "inappropriately" and why I wanted to come back. She seemingly knew nothing about my current position. She didn't know of any openings and said she would check with the people in Communications. He said to me that he had told her I had gotten a bum deal, and I should get a good job in the West Wing. I was surprised that she would question his judgment and not just do what he asked of her. Is it possible that, in fact, he did not tell her that? Does he really not want me back in the complex? He has not responded to my note, nor has he called me. Do you know what is going on? If so, are you able to share it with me?

I did not cause any trouble when I had to leave last year because I knew how important the election was. He promised me then I could come back after the election, and I have been counting on him. I think I have been more than patient since it has now been eight months since the election, not to mention the seven months prior to November that I waited. Shall I continue to be patient?

Betty, I am very frustrated and sad. I especially don't understand this deafening silence, lack of response and complete distancing evidenced by him. Why is he ignoring me? I have done nothing wrong. I would expect that behavior like this might be directed toward an "unfriendly", but certainly not to me. I would *never* do anything to hurt him.

I am hoping to hear from either of you soon. I'm at a loss, and I don't know what to do.

Best wishes.

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