KIRK DOUGLAS March 5, 1987

Dear Sylvia -

No matter how prepared we think we are, when it happens, we find out we're not.

When such a long union of joy, heart-aches, and world acclaim is broken, it's hard to adjust. But you must.

You know, I tell Anne, that fortunately, wives live longer than their husbands. Because I think Anne could handle it better than I could. I think Danny felt the same

way about you.

You were such a vital part of his life - his career. Even if he tried to deny it or fight it in various ways, he always knew it.

And so, as it will happen to all of us, the ending of that part of your life comes.

But Anne is stronger than I am, and you are stronger than Danny. So life must go on. That's the way I would want it. I'm sure that's the way Danny

wants it.

Anne and I loved Danny. —

and we love you.

We are here. We want

to see you. We need your

friendship —

Love —

Kirk