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My Lady,

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Why do I have responsibilities? It seems that everyone else has "rights" but I have "responsibilities". Sometimes it gets under my skin. But no, I'm not going to let this turn into a "whiny" letter - not today - not when I have you.

Sure, I have responsibilities - things I have to do even when I don't want to. BUT I get to play golf pretty much when and where I want - I get to fish fairly often - I eat out when it strikes my fancy AND every now and then I get to meet you in some interesting place for a wonder rendezvous. Maybe that somehow results from taking care of responsibilities instead of concentrating on rights. If so, I'm not going to change a thing.

I know that I'm a lucky man. I've heard it said that the harder you work the luckier you get - and I can see some validity in that. But sometimes that's just not the way it is, sometimes I just get plain old fashioned lucky, like when I met you.

You know, that's misleading, I'm not a lucky man - I am The luckiest man on the planet - I have you facing life with me. I have incredible families sharing their hopes and dreams with me - and you to interpret them. I have a big house to entertain in - and you to show me how. I have a fascinating business that realizes my ideas - and you to maintain focus. I have time to indulge my dreams - and you to applaud them. I have the world on a platter - and you to help enjoy it. If there is anyone who doesn't think that's worth doing a few required tasks - meeting a few responsibilities - well someone should kick them and tell them to wake up.

And I need to wake up and smell the flowers, or more pointedly the Hibiscus. I feel the need for a little Hawaii Time. Stan and Tanya want me to come out there with them in July. I think that I will take them up on it. I haven't shown off Hawaii in a long time - I like it - I'm good at it - I want to do it. It's been over 25 years since we first showed Hawaii to Tanya - she's loved it ever since. This will be Stan's first trip, I think she's hoping that we can instill the same feeling in him. Smart girl - this will be fun.

The trip out there will also give me a chance to spoil you at home. Coffee to wake you every morning - I'll take care of your puppy. Just tell me what you want for breakfast before you jog - it will be ready when you get back. I'll take you to lunch a couple of days - and send you shopping in the

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afternoons. Light open air dinners - and moon watching from the lanai. Some beach time - I'll rub that oil all over you - and promise not to get carried away like I did last time. I'll dive the reef and we can play in the surf - we can be 20 again.

Okay, I've done it now - this is going to be a long day. In my heart I'm already frolicking with you - it's going to take a lot to do more than just "go through the motions" today. But I'll get through it - grinning my fool head off the whole time. Today it will be good that people can't read my mind - that would be embarrassing because I am definitely thinking about you girl.

Love,
Wayne