

Letter - July 28, 2003

My Lady,

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Bring the Red Dress with you to Tampa. I want to dance with My Lady in Red. I've been thinking about that all weekend - every time I close my eyes, or even blink, there you are - those wonderful brown eyes - that gorgeous hair - that heart stopping smile. All highlighted by that swaying red dress. I know I said that you could plan everything, and you can, but bring the red dress - make me a happy man.

I recall a Sunday morning in San Francisco, I woke and saw a red dress hanging on the closet door. Events of the whole night crawled across my mind before I could move - then slowly and gently I turned to watch you sleeping. You had the sheet pulled up under your chin but one shapely brown beautiful leg was exposed. My gaze followed the curve of your thigh, along the sweep of your calf, down to that perfect foot - there was a flower painted on your toe nail. It made me smile - and still does. I was afraid to move less I wake you - but of course I did - and you did - and later I wondered why I hadn't thought of it sooner. Please bring a red dress to Tampa.

It has taken three days, but I finally can keep that big dumb grin off my face for a few minutes at a time. Thursday afternoon I shot an Eagle. No, I didn't kill a big bird, I got a golf ball to go in the cup on my second shot of a par four hole. Even the Tiger doesn't do that very often, it made my day - and the next - and the next - and even the next. I know that you have to play golf to understand, but it was a big thrill for me.

Over the years I've had my share of big thrills, true some were only big to me - but that doesn't matter. However one stands out - one sparkles so brightly that none can question it - for soon to be 29 years I've had the constant thrill of being married to you. The excitement of "us" just doesn't end - we simply don't allow it. The thrill continues.

Now I need to ask you something serious. Don't answer right away, give it considerable thought before you speak. What would you think about me running for public office? I'm considering running for Vice President of the United States in 2004. Admittedly there are sizable process, procedural, and political challenges in this and I look forward to tackling them - but it's your thoughts that I want. How would you feel about the change in lifestyle? I don't want to do it if you have any doubts - it's not just me - it's us.

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Think til Tampa - we can reach a decision then. Can I win? Maybe, but honestly probably not. Elections are processes where the important event can not be controlled - only influenced. We can see how much influence I can exert. And consider how much other influence will be forced upon us. Think til Tampa.

Oh boy, how do I follow a topic like that? Weakly is the obvious answer. Better to end with it than continue. Now you have something to think about - but rest assured, My Lady in Red, that I am thinking about you.

Love,
Wayne