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Ms. Pamela Hazelton
The Black Dahlia Website
www.Bethshort.com

Dear Pamela:

I have just read your Oct. 17 posting, indicating your website may be in transition due to various personal pressures, beyond your control.

First, let me pass on my well wishes and hopes that the personal storm clouds that have gathered overhead, clear quickly and permit some nurturing sunlight to get through. Health for oneself and ones loved ones is our most priceless possession.

Whatever the future may hold for your website let me reiterate my sincere appreciation for your many years of service and dedication to "the cause."

I have been a regular visitor to your Black Dahlia Website since opening up my own Pandora's Box shortly after the passing of my father, in May, 1999.

It was your hands on organization of the vast and varied amounts of source material, along with the insightful comments of many of your visitors that allowed me to utilize your website as a *Black Dahlia Central*. Your website served as my initial schoolhouse and library, and became a springboard for my further research and investigation, which is now just completing its 8th year!

I know the kinds of fires you have been through and would like to take this opportunity to publicly THANK YOU for your ongoing assistance and dedication to the life and death of Elizabeth Short. I want you to know that YOUR UNSELFISH SERVICE HAS MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE. Know that I and thousands like me, who have visited your website and have read, and felt and thought, about Elizabeth's life and death, are each a little better for it. You and your website have helped to change the myth and in doing that you have brought ignorance and darkness into Light. There is no higher calling.

Light and Respect,

Steve Hodel
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