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Hello Tribe,

The attached is a print out of all Tribal email correspondence to date since I first encountered Sonya on March 2, 2018. It's 375-ish pages and, believe it or not, there is a method to my madness. I'll explain.

To me the Tribe not only represents a consummate, endearing friendship, but the internal tribal email correspondence also represents shared memory of growing up together here in Oakland. Individually and collectively you have contributed to the history and culture of Oakland today of which I am a direct beneficiary. There are thousands of small and large precious moments recalled and likely thousands more which are yet to surface. But they will.

So my madness is to preserve and document your memories such to enable a pleasant, leisurely recall creating the soft, warm glow of a youth very well spent. It is also a permanent document to be seen and shared with loved ones whose childhoods could have not have been finer than yours. There are only five copies of this work and there will only be five copies as such is the Tribe.

Let's call this little tome Volume I of more to come.

Oh, I almost forgot....Enclosed is a CD containing a PDF of Volume I. I include it so that you can put this Volume on to your computer or share it via email with friends or family.