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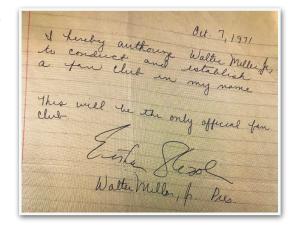
Dear Friends,

This has been a year for the books, my friends, and I most sincerely hope that all of you are well and healthy, and have survived this monstrous year.

I thank God that my family and I are completely vaccinated and boostered and healthy. Unfortunately though, Brian had a bad fall a few weeks ago, and had to have emergency surgery on his back. He is now finally in a wonderful rehabilitation hospital and is working hard to regain the strength in his legs. I come to see him every day, and Michael and Amanda alternate days to visit.

It's been a somewhat busy year: As most of you know, I was pleased to shoot a Hallmark Christmas movie called "Next Stop, Christmas." It was great fun and was shot fairly close to where we live, so I could come home everyday. The people on the movie were all so wonderful, and my trailer, where I was keeping my things and resting between shots, was called Rudolph. All the trailers were named after reindeer, but unfortunately mine didn't have a red nose on the front. The only hard part of the movie was that it was shot in August when it was 95 degrees outside, and we all had to pretend that it was December, so we were wrapped up in coats and boots and gloves, and really really hot!

As difficult as this year has been, the bright spot for the the fan club is that we celebrated the "Golden Anniversary" this last October, and you can see the letter I signed back in 1971 to permit Walter to start it. It's completely amazing that he and I have known each other for 50 years! I don't know how that is possible since I'm only 39 years old . Of all the things we have to be thankful for, I include my many, many years of friendship with Walter, and the fan club that he created. And even though "One Life to Live" has ended, the club is still going, thanks to the wonderful folks who run it and take care of it. A great



big thank you to Walter and Kit and AJ for their time and patience with me.

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season, and I thank all of you for sticking with me all these years.

Sending you hugs and best wishes for a Happy New Year and healthy 2022.

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