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Dear Ros,

I received your letter today. First, I don't know what article in the PC Bulletin you are referring to that I wrote. I am missing Bulletin 66--was it ~~xx~~ that?

I called the Maternity Center Assoc. in N.Y. City and they will send me their "packet" on setting up a free-standing birth center, based on their experience with The Childbearing Center in N.Y. City--it was the first in the country. It is heavy and expensive to mail ~~XXXXXXXXXXX~~ by air. It will be sent to me first and I will then airmail it on to you. Total cost will be close to $20.00. I hope that is ok. The material will be worth it. I am sad that Ann Turner, President of PC, didn't invite the MCA General Director Ruth Lubic, to NZ. She knows more about birth centers than anyone, and she will be in Australia at the end of August. If you can contact her, she'll willingly talk to you. Her itinerary is Sydney, Aug. 13-23, then to Melbourne, 25-31. Conta in Sydney is Childbirth Educ. Ass. of Australia, Ltd., NSW, Box N206, Grosvenor St. P.O., Sydney, NSW 2000. Phone 02-291-328, sta ing with Helen Proud, phone 02-428-4802. In Melboutne she'll be staying at the Royal Women's Hospital.

I will send a copy of your letter to ICEA International Coordinator, Elaine Norling, 83 Albert Dr., Killara, NSW Aust. 207 and ~~XXXX~~ Mary Kay Hopkins, Booth Memorial Hospital, 1881 Torbenso Dr., Cleveland, Ohio. She is ICEA Alternative Birth Committee ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Chairperson. I'll also send a copy of your letter to Kitty Ernst at the McTammany Associates Nurse-Midwifery Center, 224 North Fif St., Reading, Pennsylvania -- a very active birth center. I hope all this will get you started. You might also wrote to Dr. Graha Bury, 89 Macquarie St., Hobart, Tasmania, Aust. 7000. He wrote me a letter almost identical to yours last Nov. Give him my name. I sent him some material too. He's a pediatrician. I'd be interested in knowing how his proposal went, but he was interested in an in-hospital birth center as opposed to a free-standing unit, which I assume you are interested in. *If you do want information about establishing an in-hospital birth center, let me know.*

Sad about St. Helen's. I hope the enclosures are helpful. I send along the MCA informational packet as soon as I get it.

Meanwhile, you should contact the NZ Health Dept. to find out the bureaucratic red tape you'll have to confront. Best of luck!

Sorry about typing errors.

Please return the Trinidad, Calif application.

Sincerely,

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Diony Young

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