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Brigadier General Fred W. Rankin,
Chief Consultant in Medicine,
Office of The Surgeon General,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Fred,

I just received your letter and I want to express my appreciation of what you said in this letter. I will place it in the family archives and hand it down to my daughters. It is deep satisfaction to me to have your confidence and this has always been a great help to me. You deserve credit for the job that I have done. Your influence has spread throughout the entire medical corps. In my opinion you have exerted more beneficial influence than any other one person in the medical corps.

Mike DeBakey tells me I have to write a history. I don't want to do this but I guess there is no alternative. If this is your desire I will do it before I leave my desk here.

I will write you again about a few things.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Claude S. Beck

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