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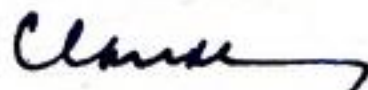
Dear Fred:-

May I congratulate you on being elected president of the American Surgical Association. This is a very nice honor which you so greatly deserve.

The recent meeting is fresh in my mind and there are one or two points which I would like to make in the way of suggestion. The papers were supposed to be limited to ten minutes but I think I was the only one who finished in ten minutes. I think there should be a little more time given to any one who has a sizeable piece of work to present. I think the old fifteen minute rule was better than the ten. The other suggestion would be to cut time on people trying to deliver papers when they are discussing someone else's work. Dr. Gallie did not hold anyone to time and the meeting was out of balance a good bit of the time.

We had a fine meeting and I missed your not being there.

Sincerely yours,



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