

KIRK
MONTAUK, LONG ISLAND
NEW YORK

8 June 48

Dear Fred-

Congratulations! Drive in to Columbia University to attend a memorial service for our good friend Dr Bill Orbach. Met Kennedy, Cuel and other members of the American Surgical. They told me the good news that you are now president elect of that association. Am delighted and they are also. That is as it should be.

Saw a fisherman up here last summer that had a severe hemorrhage from his lower bowel. Barium enema, digital and proctoscopic negative at that time - Find that he had another hemorrhage within the past month - proctoscopic under pentonegatal - Deformity in Cecum, a filling defect diagnosed by a NY radiologist as a polyp. No loss of weight during past year. Hgb 50% - Red Blood Count 3,100,000, - a prominent New York Surgeon and the radiologist advised against surgery - said wait - How much of the anemia is due to