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P. O. Box 297

My dear Fred,

Please permit us to express to you our congratulations on your inauguration as President of the American College of Surgery. We know what a high honor this is and we are very proud of you. This, of course, is only one of many such high honors that have come to you. We know of no one who deserves them more.

As we have so often said to our mutual friends, you are the foremost citizen of Kentucky. Now, we can gladly say that you are one of the foremost citizens of the United States.

We know the great satisfaction that this fine honor means to you, and we can assure you that all of your dear friends are very happy that yourgreat talent and ability is now, and has been for some time, so well recognized everywhere.

When you get back, please give us a ring so that you can have lunch with us.

With assurances of our affection and esteem, I am

Faithfully yours,

Dr. Fred W. Rankin Security Trust Company Lexington, Kentucky