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Dear Fred:

Many congratulations on speaking out so forcefully and truthfully. I hope now your fellow surgeons won't turn on you to rend you.

As a young surgeon said to me recently, what bothers him most is that in his city most of the bad work and unnecessary work is being done by the leading surgeon in the hospital to whom everybody is supposed to look up.

I was sorry to hear that you had to have operations. I hope that you are now well and thoroughly cured.

Sincerely,