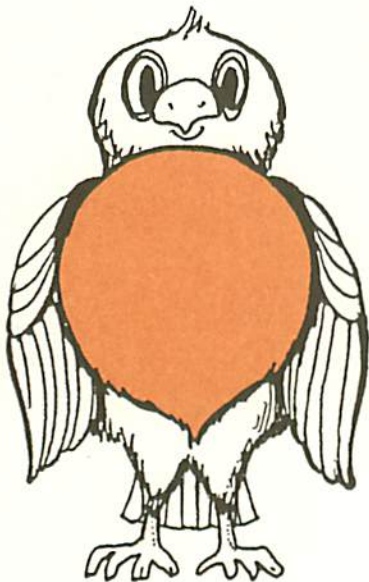
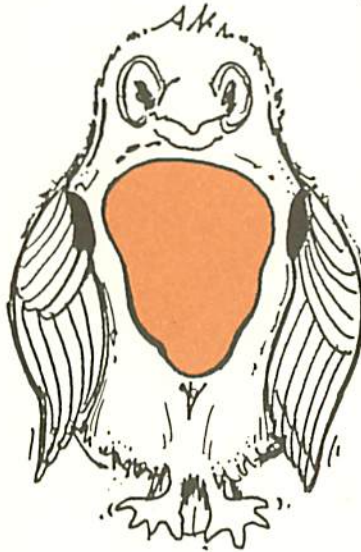
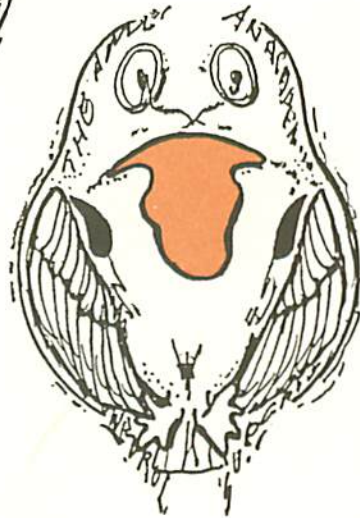


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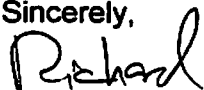
James Garber Galbraith died at his home on Wednesday morning, December 11, 1996, at the age of 82 years. He prepared his morning coffee, walked outside to get his paper, returned to his kitchen table where he sat to drink his coffee and read his paper, and had an apparent cardiac arrest. Garber had been hypertensive for at least four decades, and had suffered a myocardial infarction in the fall of 1975, and again in the late summer of 1996.

Garber was a good friend to many members of the Academy, and served as President of the Academy in 1968. He was born in Anniston, Alabama, and was named after his physician uncle. He was a devout Catholic and remained so throughout his life. He attended the University of Notre Dame from 1930 to 1932 and received his Bachelor of Science degree from St. Louis University in 1934. He attended the St. Louis University School of Medicine, graduating in 1938, and received his Neurosurgical training under the direction of Dr. Byron Stookey at the New York Neurological Institute, completing his training in 1943. After a three year tour with the United States Navy he returned to Birmingham where he practiced Neurosurgery from 1946 onward. He remained an active teacher in the University of Alabama School of Medicine until the time of his death. He is survived by a sister, four daughters, and six grandchildren.

Garber served as President of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama from 1974 through 1975, and was active in Alabama medical affairs throughout his career. He was physician and medical advisor to George Wallace, Governor of Alabama, following Governor Wallace's gunshot wound and resulting paraplegia. Among his many academic responsibilities he served as Chairman of the American Board of Neurological Surgery and Chairman of the Residency Review Committee for Neurological Surgery.

Garber was a great friend and advisor to me, and was my mentor. When I became Director of the Division of Neurosurgery here in Birmingham in 1988 he told me that the key to success was to surround myself with people who were brighter than me. A moment later he indicated that he felt that for me that wouldn't be too difficult to achieve. I never figured out what he meant by that.

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Dear Bill:

Having enjoyed and profited by the Round Robin Letter for so many years I always feel an obligation to contribute to it though I don't actually at this stage have a lot to contribute. I greatly admired David Reeves who originated and kept this letter going for so long, and I have greatly admired your persistence in keeping this going as it is. I would remind the members that the innovative cover for the Round Robin Letter was made by our medical artist, George Lynch, who thought it all up himself.

I am having a good time writing mostly historical things and publishing, but I am not in the class with Larry Poole who has written so many books. I am also having a good time on e-mail, fax and word processor.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Academician,

As the Ausman's approach 60, they continue to be active, pursuing a variety of interests.

Carolyn is busy working with the Chicago Public School System and THINK FIRST Foundation to introduce this program to 100,000 children in Chicago. She has also been appointed administrator for the international program at The University of Illinois at Chicago.

Susan, our youngest daughter, is in the middle of her second year as a corporate attorney with Gardner, Carton and Douglas here in Chicago. We are delighted with her proximity to us.

The Department of Neurosurgery at The University of Illinois at Chicago is now going through its building phase. We are looking for a neurosurgical oncologist, a spine surgeon, and peripheral nerve and skull base surgeons.

The renovation of the Neuropsychiatric Institute should be completed within the next 6 months, capping an \$8 million refurbishing of the Institute. At its completion it should contain space not only for neurosurgery but neuropathology, neurology, basic research, neuroradiology and integrated imaging sciences.

Gerard Debrun and his colleagues, who are members of our department, continue to provide innovative, creative and excellent support for our vascular service.

Fady Charbel, our young associate, has developed a very sophisticated computer program for mapping the cerebral circulation. This is being done with a bevy of researchers from computer science and engineering.

Besides our clinical research in coiling of aneurysms, embolization of malformations and the management of cerebral ischemia, Manuel Dujovny is working with a group of Research Fellows on programs extending from the computer generated forms for cranioplasty to the measurement of interstitial drug concentrations.

We are very happy to have had a hand in forming the first consortium of neurosurgeons in an IPA in the United States. This group of 40 neurosurgeons in two academic centers and private practice cover metropolitan Chicago and provide an organization through which neurosurgeons can deal directly with managed care plans and corporations to seek business. Obviously, as these specialty IPAs increase in number, they will propose interesting challenges for academia and also for hospitals and insurance companies.

We are looking forward to coming to Banff, Canada.

Sincerely,

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This past year has been a good one. I have had the opportunity to include my children on some business trips that should form the basis for some lasting memories. Emily, my eight-year-old daughter, joined me as a guest of the Japanese Congress of Neurological Surgeons. We spend a terrific week in Japan visiting Nagoya, Kyoto and the seaside region of Ise-shima. Jack, my seven-year-old son, and I joined Mark Hadley and his son, Christopher, on a great boy's trip to London during the NSA meeting. These trips are not only fun and memorable but also allowed the kids to develop a better understanding of what Dad does for a living.

Our department continues to be prosperous due to the enormous talent and work ethic of the outstanding individuals on our faculty. In addition to a steady increase in clinical volume, our faculty continues to make important academic contributions. Roy Bakay was successful in obtaining renewal of his NIH grant. Nelson Oyesiku has been highly successful in his efforts to obtain extra-mural funding for his work in molecular biology. We are in the process of recruiting an additional Ph.D. to work with Jeff Olson and Joe Petronio in our neuro-oncology program. Last year, we established the George Tindall Endowed Lectureship and were honored to have Ed Laws serve as our first lecturer. We recently hosted Dr. Jules Hardy as our second Tindall lecturer.

I look forward to seeing all of you this fall if not sooner.

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Re: Round Robin

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your note.

As a new member of the Academy, I am not familiar with the format for the Round Robin, but would like to offer this brief bit of information:

The Batjers have now fully relocated to Chicago, and the turmoil of the move has largely subsided. Janet is accommodating to life on the North Shore and is engaged in a 200% full time job coordinating the activities of the Batjer girls. Hannah is now in first grade and making all A's. Devon is in pre-kindergarten and just went on a business trip to the NSA in England with her dad. We had a terrific time and saw many of our neurosurgical friends there. Both Hannah and Devon are supplementing their academic interests with music lessons; Hannah is playing the violin and Devon the cello.

The activities within the Division of Neurological Surgery at Northwestern are progressing at a pace far beyond my wildest expectations. In the past year we have added three outstanding young faculty: Dr. Jeff Schweitzer for functional and epilepsy neurosurgery; Dr. Steve Ondra for complex spinal disease; and Dr. Chris Getch for vascular disease, cranial base surgery and radiosurgery. We are actively recruiting an additional faculty member to arrive in the summer of 1997. The clinical activities have grown exponentially, with major growth centers being cerebrovascular and

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spine. Our Division is on track to reaching departmental status in September of 1998. As Chairman of the Department of Surgery, Dave Nahrwold has been extremely helpful in this transition.

Kindest regards,



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Dear Bill:

Greetings to all academicians from the Boston Blacks.

This was a year of landmark events for us. Katharine's father celebrated his 90th birthday and my mother her 80th. Winifred, our oldest daughter, graduated from Smith, Katy and Libby turned 21, and Christopher turned 16. Peter Thomas (now 19) has just finished his first year at Yale and loves it. Katy and Libby completed their junior year at Harvard and are getting ready for medical school. Christopher is at Roxbury Latin and is learning to drive, a threatening prospect indeed. Katharine has worked at several parishes as interim priest and continues to enjoy this work.

At the Brigham, we have suddenly been given a number of benefits including a dedicated neurosurgical ICU, our own clinic unit, new office space, and vastly expanded laboratory space. We recruited two new neurosurgeons - Dr. Kimberly Harbaugh who does

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peripheral nerve surgery, and Dr. Nicole Moayeri, who is interested in vascular neurosurgery. We have also begun participating in the Partners joint venture in neuro-oncology, which will be a wonderful opportunity to expand this aspect of our work.

I continue to find academic neurosurgery bewildering, fascinating, and ever challenging. The presence of the academy has been a source of constant support for me, providing stability through all the fascinating developments of this year. I look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

Best wishes,

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June 23, 1997

Dear Academicians:

The yearly Round Robin rolls around at a prodigious rate. It just seems like yesterday that I wrote last year's letter.

Nineteen ninety-seven has been a good year, both personally and professionally. From a social point of view, we have been to Europe three times so far, primarily to visit Christa's children and to stay in our apartment outside of Hannover. We also went skiing two weeks in March in Obergurgl where I have now been visiting for 34 consecutive years. This small Alpine village is becoming more and more popular, primarily because it is the highest ski area in Europe, has great snow, and is a small alpine town that has not changed much over the last 30 or 40 years. One of Christa's daughters and her husband skied with us, as did Ernst Grote and Sid Tolchin. Sid and Penny came out and joined us and we had a great week together.

Two weeks ago we came back from Europe where we were the guests of the new German Academy of Neurosurgery. They asked me to speak about the history and philosophy of The American Academy at their first meeting. This was held in Schloss Kronberg, which is an old German castle outside of Frankfurt. It was a wonderful experience to be in such a place and to renew friendships of the brightest and best Germans. I looked up our American Academy history and Dr. Mayfield described the founding meeting as being fueled with some Tennessee bourbon. If you recall Dr. Murphey also talked about that. I brought a bottle and took it to Germany with me.

When I finished my talk about the history and philosophy, I opened the bottle and we all had a small drink. This was quite an unusual thing to do at 9 o'clock in the morning.


Christa went to Germany three weeks early and stayed with her children. Christa took our English Springer Spaniel called Schatzi with her. The dog made the trip over without any trouble. On the way back, however, she came off the airplane, lasted about an hour, and then got very sick. We had to take her to the veterinarian who said she had *jet-lag*. I didn't know animals got such a thing; but a dog with her head hanging out, unable to stand up, and dehydrated, looked to me on the verge of collapse. In spite of it all, she took an IV and the next day was 100% normal.

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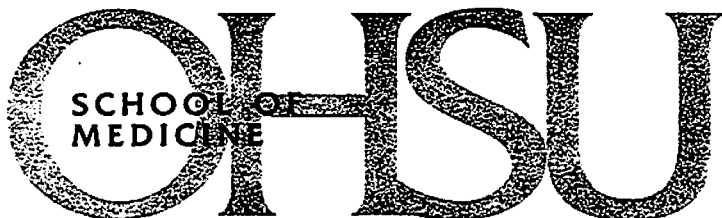
Things at Jefferson are going well. We have added some new, young faculty and we are beefing up the academic productivity. I think everyone here is pleased with how things are going and are content with their new jobs.

The Buchheit's wish all the Academicians the best. I hope you will keep us on the list for a place to stop off, if you are coming through Philadelphia.

With very best personal regards,


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RE: Round Robin

Dear Bill,

It's a pleasure to share some of our personal and professional milestones over the past year.

Since the last Round Robin our son Cole was born on July 25, 1996. He was a very healthy, but fairly challenging baby (particularly for Debra) for the first four months or so. We're both glad that period is behind us now! He started off his academic career in good style by attending the Academy meeting at the Greenbriar. He has now developed the physique and determination of a linebacker and is busily trying to generally rearrange the contents of all of our cupboards and furniture! Meredith is now five, will be starting kindergarten this fall and is becoming quite active in gymnastics, art, soccer and theater. Adrienne is twelve and will enter seventh grade in the fall. She continues to enjoy soccer, track and piano, and a new avocation: cartoon drawing. Jessica, thirteen, will be entering high school as a freshman and is likewise involved in soccer, track, piano and (most importantly) socializing.

We marked a watershed in our personal lives in that Debra surpassed the big 4-0 in February, capped off by a surprise party attended by friends and family from around the country. Her career is on hold for the moment while she continues to bring up the youngest members of our family. She is not yet a "soccer mom" but we can see that trend developing. She spends much of her time as chauffeur and social coordinator for the kids. She works out regularly and is walking a few races.

Kim is travelling quite a bit and trying to fit running in around work, family, and occasional sleep. He is looking forward to the Hood to Coast race in August, which goes from Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood to the Pacific.

Professionally this year will be marked by our transition to departmental status for neurological surgery. This has been a long, drawn out and frequently frustrating process, one which we hope is close to finalization. The rate of change of the economic environment for medicine in Portland has slowed a bit. The University Health System is doing very well, expanding in primary care and at the same time maintaining high quality specialties. We have added two new members to our department: Dr. Jeremy Goodwin, a neurologist/pain specialist, and Dr. Randall Chesnut, a neurotraumatologist and intensivist. We are busier than ever (and making less, of course!) We all feel the challenge and pressure of the changes which continue to be imposed on all of us in medicine on a regional and national level. Despite this, I believe we are in a unique discipline in that the stimulation and rewards of neurosurgery overshadow the adverse socio-economic pressures. How many other physicians do you know who enjoy their work as much as we do?

We wish you all well and look forward to seeing you in Banff.

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Dear Academician,

The past year thankfully has been an exciting and rewarding one. There is never a dull moment in New York, at least not for us. Joan continues to enjoy her role at Salomon Brothers as a Managing Director. Her schedule alternates between globe trotting to the Middle east, North Africa, Europe, and working out of the New York City office at the World Trade Center. Joan now serves as a member on the Board of the Moroccan Fund and the Board of the Morocco-US Council of Trade Investments. In addition, she is becoming more involved in the activities of the New York City Landmark Conservancy so that she can continue to satisfy her architectural bent. At their annual benefit, "Living Legends" in New York City are honored; past honorees include Walter Cronkite, Philip Johnson, Brendon Gill, and Helen Gurly-Brown. Also, the owner of Le Cirque 2000, a past honoree, hosted a preview cocktail party at the restaurant. Get your reservations early for the Christmas Holidays if you plan to visit New York, since I'm sure that it will be fully booked. It's a dramatic use of the historic Villard House.

Time with the extended family seems to concentrate around holiday seasons. The California branch of the family descends upon New York for Thanksgiving dinner, summer break in the Hamptons, and again in February for the National Toy Fair which Mark attends. We traveled a lot this year starting with skiing in Colorado in January, golf in Hawaii in March, and then went to England for a joint meeting between the Neurosurgical Society of America - Society of British Neurologic Surgeons at Queens Square, London and Robinson College in Cambridge. Prior to the meeting in London we spent time in the Cotswald, and after the meeting we traveled to Sussex and had the opportunity to visit at the beautiful gardens of Gravetye with the Hofffs, Thomases, and Morwitzes. This summer we will celebrate our 20th Wedding Anniversary with a cruise to the Greek Islands and along the coast of Turkey.

Managed care has entered New York City in full force adding to the normal professional challenges. It is nearly impossible to achieve cost savings while maintaining the quality of medical care that we once knew. Unfortunately the proposed merger between New

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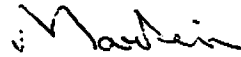
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York University - Mt. Sinai fell secondary to the frail egos of the members of the Board of Trustees and Deans. The unique possibility of combining Neurosurgical Departmental Resources would have complemented both institutions while perhaps decreasing the number of surgical residents n training in Manhattan. It will be interesting to see how our colleagues at Columbia - Cornell proceed with their proposed merger.

We are looking forward to our annual meeting in the Canadian Rockies this fall.

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June 9, 1997

Dear Academy Colleagues,

The past year has been one of intense activity, and the demands of a new neurosurgical service have been somewhat daunting.

It is a great joy to see the service taking shape both clinically and academically. Perhaps most exciting is the accomplishment of our young faculty, who are developing referral patterns in their specialized areas and starting to be academically productive. We have just gone through our first site visit since RRC approval; it appeared to have gone very satisfactorily.

The burden of our rapidly growing service has stressed our environment, both in the hospital and the medical school. Both have responded admirably. In July, the Dean and the CEO of the University Hospital will introduce a resolution to the University Board of Trustees for the formation of "The Neurological Institute of New Jersey." Exciting stuff!

Jacqueline continues to be very busy with her Division at Albert Einstein. She is increasingly active in interventional neuroradiology. She enjoys doing these lengthy cases and to see progress in all of the techniques of endovascular therapy. Jacqueline just returned from a ten day trip to China and came back with glorious photographs.

Jay and I retreat on weekends to our federal-period stone farm house in upstate New York. This place has turned into a beautiful, serene, sanctuary for decompression. We are attempting to furnish the house with period pieces and have become avid auction fans.

The Carmel sons continue to please and amaze. Jonathan is at J.P. Morgan. He sells derivatives to municipal, state and corporate and pension plans to protect them from downside risks. David's foundation and teaching program, Jump Start, mentors children from completion of the Head Start pre-kindergarten program into the second grade. This program's aim is to have children reading at the end of the second grade, and has become a model for programs in Boston as well as nationally. David will be leaving the Boston program to start a similar program in New York in the fall. Jason is currently on a mid-East and European tour, and will be back in August to start his first year as a medical student at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia.

The best result of these filial activities is that, for the first time in twelve years, all of the boys will be living in New York City.

Look forward to see all the Academicians in Banff in the fall.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Bill:

This past year has been another enjoyable and growing time in the life of the Chandler family. Our youngest son, Jesse, has been a freshman at Colgate University in mid-New York State, and thus Susie and I experienced our first year "home alone." Although we miss the excitement of all the high school activities, we certainly have found this new experience very enjoyable. We also have a delightful 1 ½ year-old golden retriever named Maizey who adds enjoyment and excitement to our household. Whoever said life begins when the children grow-up and the dog dies, obviously never had a golden retriever.

Our older son, Scott, graduates this year from Colby College in Maine with a double major in business and philosophy. Scott spent the month of January doing an internship in Manhattan and spent spring break working for Habitat for Humanity. He is currently interviewing for jobs and will likely return to graduate school in a few years.

Jesse has enjoyed his first year at Colgate and has been invited to join the Freshman Honor Society. He remains active in the water polo program and was invited by his biology professor to work on a research project. He will be working this summer in a research lab here in Ann Arbor.

Susie continues to work half-time as a social worker at Brighton Hospital for chemical dependency as well as volunteer work at the church and the Ann Arbor Summer Festival.

Susie and I visited both boys on parents weekend last fall and we were in New York City in January with family and friends to celebrate our 27th anniversary and Jesse's birthday. Susie and I spent five days skiing at Snow Mass in February.

Bill continues to enjoy his work at the University Hospital. He is happy to have the job of Scientific Program Chairman for the AANS meeting behind him and looks forward to the challenge of Annual Meeting Chairman next year.

Our best wishes to all the members of the Academy.

Sincerely yours,

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June 2, 1997

Dear Academicians:

We plan to attend the Academy Banff Springs meeting in September and look forward to seeing old (established would be a better word, I suspect) friends and meeting new ones. We are embarrassed to say that we have not been to an Academy meeting in several years. Banff is such an attractive location that we are very enthused to be there and to be with many of you.

We spent about five months in Rio Verde, Arizona for the winter. Minnesota had a brutal time. We were very glad to be in Arizona instead. We left Arizona in early May when noon temperatures were 101 - 103° F., only to come back to 45° F during the day and frost at night. The leaves are pretty now; flowers are out. The good news is that there are no mosquitoes yet! However, we'll probably jump quickly right into summer. With the flood and all here in Minnesota and North Dakota consequent to last winter's heavy snowfall and rain, one wonders if the thinning of the ozone layer will eventually cause far more serious weather problems.

Our number two son, Kerry, was snatched by U.S. West from Northwest Airlines and he and his family are now living in the Phoenix area. With our number one son in Salt Lake City and our daughter in Denver, we really do not have any family in Minnesota anymore. At the same time, the number of our friends here is getting thinner every year, so we are seriously thinking about staying in Rio Verde year round, getting summer relief from the heat in the high country which will be the reverse of what we've done. Further, driving back and forth does take its toll, too. However, we do miss the change of seasons and are having a hard time deciding.

Shelley goes to the University weekly where he still has an office. He voluntarily lectures medical students, telling them the wonders of Neurosurgery and Neuroscience. The students in small groups are excellent to be with and with their inquisitiveness they manage to keep the lecturer on his toes which is the way it should be.

Jolene has had a tough year with cardiac arrhythmia. During one such attack, she fainted while driving to the grocery store. Fortunately, no one got hurt badly, but our automobile was totalled. She has had two electrophysiology procedures, one with ablation and is now on medications which seem to control the cardiac "flutter". She is

coping reasonably well with the side effects of the medication. She is too young to go on Medicare and is still on the health care coverage of the University. Thus, she has to go to her primary care physician to get anything done, e.g. referrals to the University cardiologist. All in all, there is much hassle and we are not sure how this current system will save money.

Once again, we are looking forward to seeing you at the Banff Springs meeting.
Best regards to you folks -

Shelley & Jolene
Shelley and Jolene

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Dear William:

Thank you for reminding me again about the Round Robin. My apologies for my delay, but I have been pestered by a number of minor problems, none of them really important but overwhelming by their number.

I am 83 years old and, as you may remember, and I retired from the private practice of neurosurgery five years ago. After publishing a critical history of my own country (Argentina) in 1991, I have used my free time to write another critical book, this time on Physics and Astronomy, which will be published in Spanish this year by a local Editorial Científica under the title of "Verdades y Semi-verdades en Física y Astronomía". As you can see I stil try to use my brain. Unfortunately I have difficulty with my spinal column and muscular system, and I cannot walk much without pain.

My family is o. k. and growing. My six older sons and daughters are busy with their lives and have given me 19 grandchildren. Matias, my 7th son (from my marriage with Julie), is studying electronics, and Axel, my son with Diana, who is my third wife, is not yet eleven years old. I may add that all my children love Diana nearly as much as I do, and that we have good relations with my former wives and their husbands.

With my best regards for you and all the Academicians,



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Dear Academician:

The past couple of weeks have been a little trying for Elise and I. Elise had one of those wonderful gastroenterology tests which caused her to be purged and she developed orthostatic hypotension and fell, striking her head on the bathroom floor and sustaining a large laceration on her forehead and a black eye par excellence. The same week I had a melanoma removed from the back of my scalp and a posterior auricular node biopsy. The two of us look like we were either mugged or had a rousing family quarrel. Fortunately Elise's laceration has healed with almost no scar and her black eye is slowly resolving. My lesion was a thin lesion and the nodes were all negative, so I am hoping that I am in the good prognostic category.

Our children continue to keep us on our toes. Sander, our oldest, is finishing his residency at Columbia and has elected to stay on the faculty at Columbia and run a vascular lab which is his subspecialty interest. Elise and I would have loved to entice them back to New Orleans, but at least for the time being they are New Yorkers. Sean, our second son, is still in a combined emergency medicine/internal medicine residency in New Orleans at LSU. Our third son, Paul, is graduating this month from Tulane Business School and is still employed by Freeport-McMoRan which is a large mineral and mining company. Patty, our only daughter, is a speech pathologist at the New Orleans Speech & Hearing Center. Our fourth son, Christopher, has just moved to a new job managing real estate in the panhandle of the Gulf coast of Florida. Our fifth son, James, has just finished his freshman year in medical school and is presently spending six weeks with a family practitioner in Creole, Louisiana which should be a wonderful experience down on the bayous of southwest Louisiana. I will be interested to see if he can speak good Cajun when he gets home.

Elise and I were very happy that Rand and Terry Voorhies will now be members of the Academy, Rand being my boss and partner. I think all of the members of the Academy will find them a most attractive couple.

It was very interesting and an honor to return as a guest examiner at the American Board exam in May in San Diego and see the attempt by the board to make the oral examination grading more objective in hopes that this will provide legal protection to the board for possible suits filed against it since third payer parties and the government are making board certification a necessity to practice neurosurgery in this country. It will be interesting to hear if the computer grading is going to be any different than the old grading over the next few years. I hope Don Quest or whoever is the secretary at that time will give us feedback as to the results of this project.

Elise and I will be looking forward to seeing you all in Alberta.



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Dear Academicians:

We have had another good year here in St. Louis.

Our oldest daughter Elizabeth, is seventeen and just starting her senior year at John Burroughs School. She is a good athlete and was captain of her school soccer team this year. She is also very interested in field hockey and hopes to play in college. We will be going on some college visiting trips this summer in the Northeast and Southeast. She assures us that she wants to get out of St. Louis. Her brother Ralph is thirteen and is also at John Burroughs School. He is just about to enter the eighth grade. He is very interested in ice hockey, golf and computers and is going to golf camp down in North Carolina this Summer for a couple of weeks. Corinne and I have been busy mostly staying around St. Louis and doing things with the kids. We look forward to the Academy meeting in Banff. The Program Committee has worked hard on making the meeting interesting and provocative during the Scientific Sessions and it should be a beautiful setting. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely,



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Dear Academicians:

It hardly seems a year since the last Round Robin. We were disappointed to miss the meeting of the Academy in 1996. Unfortunately the meeting was too close to the meeting we were running in Sydney for the Eurasian Academy of Neurosurgery.

March was noteworthy for the arrival of our second grandson, Christian Dan Cuthbert. The lad did it tough spending five of the first six weeks of his life battling with respiratory distress syndrome, then a viral respiratory infection, but has fortunately recovered from those ills. Despite caring for a second sick child, daughter Sally has continued to run her Art Consultancy with considerable vigour.

The hospital continues to share the usual problems that we all meet. Budgetary considerations have led to a planned reduction from 24 to 17 beds for neurosurgery, combined with a projected 20% workload increase to the year 2006. Unfortunately for the number crunchers, we have already exceeded the projected 10 years expansion of work in the past 18 months, whilst the budget continues to shrink.

Our office services were brought to a dramatic halt by an "April 1st" virus, despite an obsession I have for keeping foreign discs out of the system. Despite careful adherence to a backup regime, when the backup was called upon it was defective. We are still reeling from the loss of the last six years data.

July marks Noel's succession of Gus Van Alphan as President of the World Congress to be held in Sydney in 2001. Sydney continues to be a vibrant and exciting city and will make a marvellous venue for the World Congress. We look forward to seeing Members of the Academy in Sydney in 2001.

Meanwhile, Banff beckons and we look forward to meeting with Members of the Academy there in September.

With our best personal regards,

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Dear Dr. Buchheit:

Thank you for the opportunity to include my comments in the Round Robin. The past year for the Dempsey family has consisted of continued activity in becoming part of our new home in Madison, Wisconsin. Since assuming the chairmanship at University of Wisconsin-Madison, there has been considerable activity in the department. We have been fortunate enough to add three new surgeons and four new research staff and develop specialized programs in brain tumor, cerebrovascular and stroke, neurosurgical spine and pediatrics which will be starting this summer. It has been an exciting period of growth for the department and with the excellent support of the neurosciences at the University of Wisconsin promises an equally exciting future.

From a personal standpoint, our family, my wife Diane and my children Kara age 16 and Conor age 13 have found Madison a warm, friendly and very family-oriented place. Diane has been active teaching at the University of Wisconsin's arboretum where she has been active with their workshop programs, and our children have found the education and recreational opportunities excellent, and I am happy to say that they have made friends and made us proud of their academic and extracurricular activities.

As a new member, I look forward to my future activities with the Academy and thank you once again for the opportunity to update you on our family and academic activities.

With my best personal regards,

Sincerely,

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Hans Erich and Karin Diemath

Again a year has passed, faster than you think, and the older you grow the faster the years seem to pass.

My last active year in the hospital has come and I am hoping very much to find a good successor. The department disposes of four operating theatres, of an own intensive care unit, with 12 beds, with all the necessary equipment, from Laser to neuronavigation and 63 beds. On the whole a clinic, offering optimal working conditions and being also a rewarding task. 1996 we have operated on 1.922 patients, had a total of 3.055 indoor patients and 3.011 outdoor patients.

I am very happy about my good connections with my friend, Prof. Luis Gonzalez Feria from Tenerife, with whom we work together in a combined research project on head injuries. Being vice president of the European Academy for multidisciplinary Neurotraumatology I am very fond of these activities too.

With great pleasure I received the Honorary Membership of the German Society of Neurotraumatology and Clinical Psychology, I was honoured with at the congress in Magdeburg (Germany).

For the time of my retirement, I shall dedicate my time to medical expert-opinions and in this function I shall try to do my best for a quality management. Being an expert at court I like very much, because you have to use your brain, read literature, legal decisions etc. I also like to go to court, defending my expert opinion, since I see this as a kind of intellectual match, in contrary to many of the other experts, who are offended in case their expert opinion is not excepted the first time, and thirdly there is a financial aspect too.

I am very happy that all our children are doing well. Karen, our eldest daughter (nearly 39 years old) is, as you know, a doctor of medicine and works at the Hygienic Institute of the University of Graz. She is married to a plastic surgeon and after two girls, now aged 15 and 13 years, they have a little boy of three years.

Hans-Peter, our son, a doctor of jurisprudence, works at the Government Service in Salzburg. He has a twelve year old girl and with his wife Susanne also a little boy, Hans-Jörg, two years old by now. So we now enjoy five grandchhildren.

Our own late-comer Maren, 20 years of age, is very busy, studing law at the University of Graz, mainly Euro-law and being still a student, she already has become study-assistent, paid by the European Parliament in Brussels. She specialises in European rights and - horrible dictu - also „women's right. Our two years old dog, a golden retriever, is liked very much by her, she spoils him, but sometimes she can be very strict on him. The dog is all her happiness.


With great financial loss we sold our farm, agriculture on the whole has to face great losses by our joining the European community and furthermore by BSE-scandal, the cattle now is only

half the price than in earlier years. I was very sorry, since our cattle was the best of the whole district.

But besides all financial aspects, health is of greatest importance and feeling well and therefore I am grateful that all our family is healthy and well.

So I am looking forward to my retirement, which does not mean a parting from working life, but only a changing to another field. My wife Karin supports me bravely - as all the decades before - and stands on my side and often helps in solving the many difficulties life bears for us.

With my very best personal regards and heartiest greetings

Sincerely Yours 

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Dear Bill and Colleagues:

Thanks for the nudge. Life in retirement probably deserves a report only every other year or so. Nothing spectacular has occurred here in Point Clear, Alabama to deserve comparison with the reports of other Academicians in last year's *Round Robin*. July marks the sixth anniversary of my retirement and I can recommend it strongly as an alternative to neurosurgery -- provided there is a productive and enjoyable activity list to keep one occupied. Trust me! There still isn't time for everything.

We have kept busy with travel, computing, sailing, camping, biking, hiking, reading, etc. Carolyn still works part time with a Pensacola, Florida law firm doing exclusively medical malpractice defense. She recently passed the Alabama bar examination and may open a local office. One year ago we embarked on a project we had promised never to undertake again, i.e., building a new home. Condominium living became a bit too restrictive. We have been living on our boat during construction and I assure you we will be relieved to occupy the new structure in about two weeks. We still live in the same wonderful location on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay, a few miles from Fairhope, Alabama. Obviously, we will again become landscapers and I a woodworker since there will be an air-conditioned workroom. Included in my early plans is a stitch and glue kayak kit.

My family is well. All three children live in Colorado. None are rocket scientists, astrophysicists, or even neurosurgeons. All are productive, independent, enjoying life, and have thus far produced nine grandchildren. Included in our yearly travels are trips to Colorado, mainly for grand parenting. We have an annual family reunion "camp out" in the Gore range at Vail. Last summer Carolyn and I explored Colorado's San Juan region. We found it remote and perhaps more scenic. While there, we climbed Uncompaghre Mountain and Handies Peak (both 14,000' feet plus).

I attend only about one medical meeting per year and then mostly for the fellowship. In the Spring, we traveled to Buffalo for the 45th reunion of my medical school class. It was fun to see everyone and interesting to learn that almost all are retired. The University of Buffalo medical school is now emphasizing the production of "generalists." During a trip to the Slovak Republic in 1995 tracing Carolyn's roots, we met Peter Chovan, a young neurosurgical resident. Ultimately, we were able to arrange a four month visit for him (just completed) to the Cleveland Clinic through its international program. We also had a nice visit with Igor Sulla, M.D. here in Mobile/Point Clear last month. He is a neurosurgeon in Kosice, Slovakia and traveled to Mobile through the Mobile/Kosice sister city program together with thirteen other doctors from his university.

We send best wishes to all the Academicians and extend an invitation for a visit to any who are in this part of the country.

Cheers,
Don

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Dear Reverend Robin,

I am still enjoying in retrospect my visit with all of you at the Greenbriar - it was so nice to be welcomed by friends of many years.

The past year has been a very busy one for me, but rewarding, too. I sold the house George bought for me in 1963 and moved to a high rise (May, 1996) mainly for security and less responsibility for maintenance - it is half the size of my house - so I also had enough furniture to furnish a house on Lake Livingston my youngest son, Scott, built for me (literally) I hope I have a few years to enjoy it! It is a vacation home, and my address there is Highway 356, Box 13345, Trinity, Tx 75862 - The address above is still my permanent address

My family planned a beautiful week end celebration, May 3+4, for my 80th birthday. We had a wine & cheese reception at the apartment, and a family picnic at the lake house the next day. Both

of my brothers came (Phoenix + Palm Beach, Fla.) as well as a niece from Wyoming - it was wonderful.

I went to Chicago for Travel Club in May. I think it was our 41st year.

Traveling gets more strenuous as I get older, so I plan to make fewer trips - It's a good thing I have hobbies + enjoy being home! However - I hope to see all of you in Banff.

Best Wishes to All

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This year was an exciting one for Lynn and I. We have built a house in Bristol, Rhode Island, and have moved 15 miles from Providence to the Coast. Building the house was a very tiring and expensive proposition and one that I would not want to undertake again. We have our sailboat nearby with golf and tennis down the road with a 20-minute commute into Providence.

Our children are doing well. Our oldest daughter Kim is working in Milan, Italy, after graduating from Brown University, spending two years at Morgan Stanley in New York and then two years in business school at Insead in Fontainebleau, France. She is currently working for a McKenzie spin-off called Value Partners and loves living in Italy. Our two sons are not as lucky. Our middle child Darin is finishing his junior year at Johns Hopkins Medical School and is trying to decide what field of medicine to go into. Last summer, Darin married a classmate from Princeton. Ann is working on her Ph.D. in health economics, and the two are very happy. Our youngest child John, after graduating from Princeton, started at Johns Hopkins Medical School this fall and is completing his first year. He will spend the summer at Hopkins doing research.

This past summer, the family went on a trip to Alaska. After landing in Anchorage and doing some of the usual tourist things in Denali, we went south to the Kenai peninsula for some salmon fishing on the Kenai River. Although we caught a total of 100 salmon, Lynn landed the biggest silver salmon and almost got pulled out of the boat. We ended up smoking some of the best specimens and did some homemade pickling of salmon caviar, which we are still enjoying.

Providence is undergoing a major rebirth with the downtown area looking somewhat like a storyland. The two original colonial rivers having been moved. There is now a gondola on the rivers with water fires at night in the summertime. There is a new Convention Center, new hotel, and a new half a

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billion dollar shopping mall currently being built. That, together with the original colonial homes on the East Side around the University, and Newport 30 minutes away, make this a good convention site.

Lynn and I hope to see many old friends at the Alberta meeting and welcome all members of the Academy to give us a call if they are in the Rhode Island area.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mel H. Epstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Dear Bill,

Greetings to you and members and their families of the Academy. This has been a record breaking winter, even for Montreal, but great for skiers.

The MNI continues to flourish; Rich Murphy, our Director, is entering his second five-year term, with a dozen new neuroscientists in place focusing on molecular neurobiology, upgrading of our entire PET machinery, a newly installed MRI dedicated for research in cerebral activation studies and for our spectroscopy applications for brain tumor diagnosis, detection of axonal and neuronal changes in MS plaques and lateralizing temporal lobe epileptic foci. A new brain tumor research and treatment centre has been approved and is well on its way to being funded. André Olivier coordinates the McGill neurosurgical program, the history and profile of which I reviewed in Neurosurgery last October (39:830-839, 1996). The decision by the American Board of Neurological Surgery to eliminate Canadian trainees from becoming diplomates of the Board was devastating; it was particularly disappointing for those of us at the Neuro. We have always prided ourselves on the most cordial and close relationships with our colleagues in the United States and on our input into maintaining the high standard of neurosurgical practice and research, not only in America but throughout many parts of the world. The MNI owes its existence to Wilder Penfield and Bill Cone, and the Rockefeller Foundation. Harvey Cushing himself, in his foundation lecture at the MNI in 1934, emphasized this collegiality very well when he referred to the cooperation of the medical and nursing professions between our two countries, noting that "there was no tariff on our exchange". One must hope that the Board, in conjunction with our Royal College Neurosurgical Committee, will be wise enough to review and modify this rather drastic decision.

The various members of our family are thriving but scattered. Christopher, in cardiac surgery at the Toronto Hospital, where Alan Hudson has put aside neurosurgery to become the Administrative President of this large medical complex, has been pioneering in the surgical technique of retaining the aortic ring intact when replacing the valves; this avoids a metal prosthesis and thus reduces the incidence of endocardial infection. He has also initiated recently a Brazilian procedure of excising thinned out diseased cardiac muscle to reduce the ventricular volume, in order to carry over these usually young patients until a transplant becomes available. He was recently a visiting Professor in cardiac surgery here at McGill, his medical alma mater, where he had also graduated in electrical engineering. Our oldest daughter Patricia is vigorously engaged in writing, mainly in legal matters, but also in scripting for a film in beautiful Vancouver where she makes her home. Janet, our next daughter, now on the Faculty at Carnegie-Mellon in Pittsburg, teaching dramatic voice, has had a number of bids

to move further east, over which she is brooding at the moment. Her husband, Bob Haley, continues to star in the Canadian Theatre, acting in award-winning roles in Toronto and Montreal. Our youngest son Michael completed his legal Bar Examinations and awaits word from several firms for a position. In the meantime, he carries on with legal writing for which his previous studies in comparative literature stand him in good stead. Our youngest daughter Anna, a research associate in neuropsychology at McGill, has found her nursing background invaluable in analysis of the visual features in migraine, a disorder being studied by the vision research group in neuropsychology.

Faith continues as a psychiatric nurse "on availability", but seems to be in considerable demand. In between, she operates our apartment in the city and our chalet, over 100 kilometres east of Montreal, near the U.S. border, from which we have a splendid view of the Vermont mountains. I have had the great satisfaction of completing with an editorial team, a large book on the temporal lobe and limbic system written by Peter Gloor, just published by the Oxford University Press. In late 1994, Peter had a stroke that disabled him from completing his manuscript, so we are all pleased to see the publication of his magnum opus. I am now back at the research and writing of the official history of the Montreal Neurological Institute, which has become fascinating, using our well-organized Penfield Archive materials. Completion recently of my five-year term as Chancellor at Acadia University, will make it possible again to attend Academy meetings which often coincided with fall convocations. My research interests continue on the role of the amygdala in the surgical cure of temporal lobe seizures, using high resolution MRI to correlate the anatomical extent of the excision with the surgical and neuropsychological outcome.

Faith and I hope to see you at the September meeting in Banff. In the meantime, our warmest regards to all.

Sincerely,


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Dear Bill:

It is most appropriate to write to the Round Robin concerning neurosurgery in Philadelphia. It certainly appears to be a "round robin," with additional changes going on.

Pennsylvania Hospital has once again aligned itself with the University of Pennsylvania, and we will develop a neurosurgical program at that hospital which will once again be part of the overall University of Pennsylvania Health System. To those of you not familiar with Philadelphia, we all seem to be taking this in stride. I am sure all of us read the newspaper each day to decide where we are supposed to go to work.

Another new development for the program at Penn will be the establishment of an independent Department of Neurosurgery. This will take place July 1, 1997. It is something I have long sought after, and am delighted with the prospects of this.

We continue our activities in many areas. We are particularly excited about our ongoing gene therapy program. Our newly-established epilepsy center seems to be thriving, and we continue to be extremely active in all the traditional fields of neurosurgery. Where this will lead, none of us really knows. Clearly, we cannot keep increasing volume to match the decreasing revenues.

On a personal note, our oldest son, Andrew, continues to be actively painting. He has shown a glimmer of interest in antiquarian books. I have no idea from whom he could have picked up this habit. Our younger son, Douglas, is gainfully employed at one of the well-known downtown New York contemporary art galleries. He seems to be thriving now that he is back in New York.

Dr. William A. Buchheit
April 14, 1997

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Susan and I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting in Banff. Our best wishes for a wonderful summer.

Yours truly,



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Dear Academicians:

This past year has been a good one for the French family. Both of us seem to be well and healthy and enjoying life and the same can be said for our three children (ages 47, 50 and 55). Maybe they're not children anymore. We have, however, had a rather harrowing experience with a quadruple coronary bypass procedure last June. However, Gene survived my recovery period and eight weeks later I was hitting golf balls again, albeit, not very far.

During the winter months we spend time in southern California (Pauma Valley). We play golf almost every day, do a great deal of gardening and reading. Gene says I not only read the articles published in the journal but also every advertisement. Maybe I'm just lonesome! This last January we spent 2+ weeks driving around New Zealand and had a most enjoyable time.

We leave our house in Pauma Valley about the middle of May and return to Minnesota. We live on Lake Minnetonka, do a fair amount of fishing, go to the office over at the University a couple of times a week just to keep up on things. Dr. Bob Maxwell is doing a good job as department head - he's in the process of recruiting a couple of neurosurgeons to replace those who have left the past couple of years.

This summer we're going to Alaska with our daughter Barbara and her husband. It should be a good trip - none of us have ever been there.

We're looking forward to the Fall meeting in the Banff area. Hope to see you all there.

With regards,

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Lyle & Gene French

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RE: Round Robin

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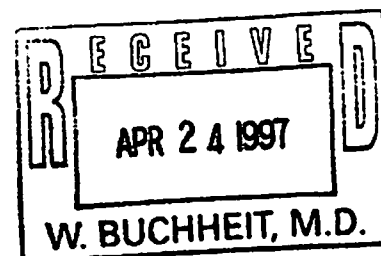
It seems like I just dictated last year's Round Robin contribution a few months ago. Time obviously has a way of getting away from one. The biggest thing that happened this year was my 50th birthday. Strategically it came during the Neurosurgical Society of America Joint Meeting with the British Neurosurgical Society in London. Sharon had planned to take the kids there, since all three of their spring breaks coincided. We had a great time touring London and the kids were much impressed. Sharon managed to arrange for about 35 people to assemble for a surprise birthday party for me there. I had never had a surprise birthday party and I never would have predicted it would have been in London. In any event, despite all of the problems with managed care in Southern California, our Department continues to thrive. The residency program is as strong as ever and each year the new candidates seem to come with more astounding credentials.

On the home front Sharon and her partner just defended their women's doubles club tennis championship. Between the three kids (Brent is 16, Nicole 14, Robyn 12) we get our share of hockey, soccer, baseball, basketball, volleyball and golf matches to drive to and watch. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Rimrock this year.

Warmest personal regards,



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RE: Academy Round Robin

Dear Bill:

It has been an eventful year. I have put an immense amount of energy into leading the effort to form a single practice plan for the University of Minnesota Medical School. This culminated last summer with a vote of better than 90% faculty approval for the plan and then an intense effort to work out the details and get the thing off the ground. It has been a remarkable learning experience and, although it is not yet fully functional, I think will form the basis for a viable clinical practice that will promote interdepartmental activity while retaining a good deal of financial autonomy for small departments like Neurosurgery.

At the same time, things have not been quite so rosy with the Medical School which continues to have a significant deficit on the academic side, is losing a significant number of faculty and has had trouble recruiting new leadership, particularly a Dean. Our own program is suffering additional losses with at least two and possibly three faculty members departing this year. The Department is in for some lean times.

Personally, however, it has been a remarkably good year. I completed my year as President of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, presiding at the Montreal meeting which was very well attended and a wonderful experience. My older son, Chris, and his wife Ying, had their second child (another boy) and I finally came to my senses and Jennifer and I got married in February.

Professionally, the most exciting development is that I have been appointed Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC. I have the opportunity to relieve Phanor Perot of some of the burdens of administration so that he can continue to provide neurosurgical care for his patients and have a little bit more time to be the bon vivant of Charleston neurosurgery. It is a very exciting opportunity and Jennifer and I are looking forward to our move to Charleston.

Sincerely,



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For Round Robin

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Dear Bill:

I heard from Sun Lee that you are in very good shape in every aspect. I am very happy to remember the meeting in Philadelphia and the Greebrier last year. You treated us too much and Sung and I are feeling many thanks to you.

Last year I was elected as the President of Korean Neurosurgical Society which is effective from November, 1996 to October, 1998 for two years. I must do many administration works for our society nationally as well as internationally. Those Academicians who will come to the Far East area (for example, Japan) please let me know and I will invite to our society meeting or our department.

At the same time I was elected as the President of Korean Society of Cerebrovascular Disease. I must organize the Korea-Japan Friendship meeting next year in Che-Ju Island which is very famous for President Clinton's visit as well as yours.

In our department the chairmanship is rotated from me to more junior professor, who is Dr. Cho, a pediatric neurosurgeon after six year's service. In our hospital the position of chairman is rotating every two to six years which I think very bad in building an excellent department.

Last year I visited Japan six times for seven conferences as an invited

speaker and I made a lot of Japanese friends.

In my family we are very much stable and Sung started playing golf in very serious manner. We bought another private golf membership for every week end play. My level of golf improved very much while my fever to tennis is decreasing.

In July I will be in Amsterdam with my wife and I hope we will meet again and have a good time. In that meeting I am representing Korea and will attend the executive meeting of WFNS and neurovascular committee meeting. I am sure I will meet many Academicians in Amsterdam as well as in Banff.

I am looking forward to meeting you in Banff in September.

Sincerely yours,

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Round Robin Letter

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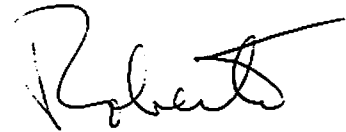
There have been no transcendental events in our life during the last year here in Miami. Carlos, Debbie and myself continue to enjoy the weather in Miami - anybody who thinks that the weather here is "too hot" or "too humid" or anything other than perfect has not lived here since the advent of air conditioning - and the beauty of this city.

Professionally, the year has seen a significant increase in the size and quality of my practice, a gradual increase in significance to the Medical School of the International Health Center that I developed and a noticeable improvement in quality of our residency training program, which culminated in the recruitment of two top-notch resident applicants. We have rounded out our faculty with the recruitment of a first-rate spine person, Allan Levi and a pediatric neurosurgeon, John Ragheb. Allan trained at Toronto and did a fellowship with Volker Sonntag after spending three years working here at the Miami Project to get his Ph.D. with Dick Bunge. He certainly is bringing to the Spine Service the academic edge that complements so nicely the huge volume of Barth Green's practice. John Ragheb and Glenn Morrison are working together to provide an excellent pediatric experience for our residents, which is based both at Jackson and at Miami Children's Hospital where Glenn does the bulk of his practice. Our vascular and skull base volume has reached the point where we need a cerebrovascular/skull base fellow and we are looking forward to having Harold Pikus, who trained at Dartmouth and will be starting this fellowship with us this July.

My respect for Barth Green continues to grow. His commitment to the Miami Project is extraordinary and I live in awe of what he has been able to accomplish in spite of an extraordinarily busy complex spine clinical practice with the surgical volume of ten to twelve cases a week. This year alone he obtained a ten million dollar single donor gift for the Project and is in the process of obtaining an equal matching amount from the legislature to complete the new eight story building that will house the Miami Project and the new offices of the Department of Neurosurgery. Barth has been terrific about integrating the Miami Project more and more into the Department making it serve as our research arm and offering the residents great opportunities for funded laboratory work during their research year.

The family is well. Debbie has been very busy and frequently frustrated with the building of our new house, but her time spent on this project is paying off and we are about to move into our beautiful new home, which will have ample room to host any of you if you happen to be passing by Miami for any reason. Debbie is looking forward to spending more of her time and energy in her full-time neuro-oncology practice at the Comprehensive Cancer Center at our affiliated Mt. Sinai Hospital. Daughter Elsie graduated from Yale University with a Master's Degree last Summer and she is now working as a nurse clinician (midwife) at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Boston. Rob is completing his second year of medical school at my old alma mater in Memphis, Tennessee. Carlos is now three and a half years old and his problem is that he is so darn cute that mother, teachers and at times even his Dad cannot resist spoiling him rotten. He is really the sunshine of our lives here in Miami!

We look forward to seeing all of you in Banff.

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Dear Bill,

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This is my small contribution to the Round Robin. The major event in my life this past year was my marriage to Cathy. This occurred in what I consider the perfect manner. She, I and my best friend were the only attendees. The brief, i.e. 45 sec., ceremony was followed by a wonderful meal and excellent wine at a French restaurant on Marthas Vineyard. Life has been great since then. Of course, it wasn't too shabby before either. We have been very busy this year taking a week to go skiing in Austria. That was a most pleasant experience. Currently my three sons are all fine. The one who is an ENT resident will be ready for practice in another year or so. Time really does fly by.

The department in Syracuse is struggling with managed care and the constantly changing rules together with the government assumption that we all are crooks. Nonetheless, our volume has continued to grow. We are solidly in the coiling business and are developing a gamma knife center. I have spent a lot of time with the MKM system and am finally feeling comfortable with it. It is truly a wonderful machine. But like many such gadgets, it is very complex and has a long slow and at times frustrating learning curve. Once working well however, it is super to use and, I am convinced, allows safer surgery to be done. Our work with functional MR is progressing well, though time seems to be the limiting factor. All in all, we are very enthusiastic here and look forward to continued development of our little department. I hope this note finds you and Krista well and happy.

We look forward to seeing all our friends in Banff.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Bill:

Little did I know several years ago when we began to negotiate with the Canadian Neurosurgery Society for a joint meeting that I would be President for this special occasion. I am indeed grateful for that and truly lucky to have the privilege. As you know, my wife Diane is Canadian born and raised. She only recently became a United States citizen after almost 35 years of marriage to a foreigner. So now we are both Yankees.

Having a joint meeting with the Canadians is a special privilege for us. We have so much in common and yet sometimes let differences creep into our relationships with our Northern Family. Hopefully, this meeting will reassure all of us that we are one and the same in so many respects.

The Canadian contribution to this joint meeting will be significant. Charles Tator and his team have been the "local arrangers" even though they live thousands of miles to the east of Banff. He deserves an enormous amount of credit for arranging the details.

André Olivier has worked closely with Ralph Dacey to construct a balanced program that will feature both Canadian and American papers. Peter Allen, a neurosurgeon from Edmonton and a guest of the Academy, is a Canadian Rockies maven with special knowledge about the Banff area and some of the fascinating early days when medicine was just being introduced to that area. He will talk to all of us on the opening day before the Scientific Session actually begins. Thanks to Bryce Weir for helping persuade Peter to do this for us.


The Banff area is so beautiful. The early fall should be magnificent. It is a good time to breathe deeply of the clear pure air, hike, and view a spectacular part of the world.

Shortly after the Banff meeting, Bill and Laura Shucart will join Diane and me on a three week jaunt to China where we will visit colleagues who have worked in our respective units as research fellows and trainees. After a couple of weeks of "singing for our supper" through Beijing, Shanghai, and Xian, we'll take three or four days of "R&R" in Hong Kong prior to returning home.

Our Medical Center continues to thrive despite the uncertainties and hassles of today's life in medicine.

All of the above means another year to be grateful for! I look forward to seeing you in Banff.

Yours truly,


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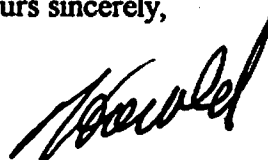
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Dear Bill:

This year has been a hectic one for JoAnn and me. I have stepped down as Chief of Neurosurgery at the Hospital for Sick Children, however I will continue to carry-out my work here at the Hospital for Sick Children. My operating will be carried out at the Institute of Neurology and Neurosurgery in New York where I will be working together with Fred Epstein. My office will continue to function at the Hospital for Sick Children. Our two sons are married with wonderful wives, and they have provided us with three grandchildren. Our daughter Katie is getting married in May 1997 to a wonderful young man.

I am busily preparing a textbook on *Atlas of Pediatric Neurosurgery*. I continue to travel. With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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March 31, 1997

Dear Bill,

After two years of self assessment [brainwashing myself] I concluded that it was time for me to admire the accomplishments of my young colleagues and former pupils practicing neurosurgery with the latest technology. It became evident that I was sending more of the excitement to them and that the cases which I was doing were no longer intellectually stimulating to me. Furthermore I found it hard to accept the direction in which medical care is heading and was becoming increasingly frustrated in providing this care for my patients. When the department offered me an office, assured me I could keep my parking space and the Dean appointed me Special Advisor for International Affiliations, these were offers I couldn't refuse. Since January 1, 1997 I am no longer doing surgery.

I've been fortunate enough to have had Larry Pool as my first chairman and mentor. He was always incredibly supportive and let me pursue my own interests. Most of us are happiest when we can be creative and I thank Dr. Pool and Columbia for the opportunities they have provided me.

Despite cries to the opposite, I don't believe for a minute that we have too many neurosurgical specialists and not enough primary care deliverers. Every time there is a new invention there is a new subspecialty and primary care as we know it will be replaced by other "health care providers" one day.

Don Quest has provided superb leadership for our department while Bob Solomon concludes negotiations to take the chair in the near future.

Neurosurgery has certainly entered an exciting new era based on solid scientific achievement and has a very strong presence at the medical schools in New York. I expect the Neurological Institute and College of Physicians and Surgeons to maintain its leadership role.

With warm regards.

Most sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

Your reminder letter for the Round Robin arrived coincidentally with my first sighting of a robin in Toronto. I presume this is the same bird you saw in your back yard, and that it is flying north promoting the concept of NAFTA.

The Hudson clan is in excellent health. Susan has retired from her teaching and business activities, and her main job now is that of grandmother to our four grandchildren! Our oldest daughter, Jean, is in family practice in northern Toronto. She is about to lose her in-hospital privileges as resources tighten up and are reserved for specialists. Reciprocally she is doing more and more of the traditional house calls. Katherine has left Procter & Gamble after a very good relationship and formed her own company. With modern informatics, she is doing a lot of her work from home, according to her own and her children's schedules, and has already passed her previous income levels. Her husband is a lawyer specializing in medical malpractice defense, and is extraordinarily busy in this growth industry. Erin has almost concluded her thesis, which is based on her two years' work in Guatemala. She and her teacher husband are leaving this summer to take up a two-year appointment at an international school in Cali, Colombia. Roy and Lynne, both engineers who are working out of Fort Lauderdale for Northern Telecom, continue to be promoted virtually every time I speak to them. Roy is currently in Israel negotiating a contract, and will soon be off to Sao Paulo on company business.

We are in the midst of one of the biggest public health sector restructuring projects in the world. Twelve of Toronto's 44 hospitals are either being closed or significantly altered in their function. Ontario left the required changes so long that, when the ax fell, it did so with great rapidity and finality. Currently I am Chief Executive Officer of The Toronto Hospital (formed by the merger of The Toronto General Hospital and The Toronto Western Hospital in 1986) and I am also the CEO of Princess Margaret Hospital (a cancer hospital). I anticipate that this hospital will be merged soon. In addition, we are taking over the assets of a small community hospital later this year. My key responsibility is, of course, to keep the academic flag flying high, and I am pleased to tell you that The

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Toronto Hospital, for the fourth year out of five, had a staff member receive the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada's Gold Medal Award for research. I am even more proud to tell you that, for the third year out of four, the individual was a neurosurgeon and that this year's Gold Medal winner for the country is Ab Guha. His paper related his research resulting from his studies at Harvard and Toronto.

I am currently negotiating on behalf of the Ontario government with all the physicians in Ontario. As you know, this is a single-payer system, so that there is a single manager (i.e., the provincial government). The previous concept of "co-management by the profession and the government" has been torn up by our current government. It now wishes doctors to "advise" rather than co-manage. The real dilemma remains, i.e., once a physician resource pool is established, utilization goes up and, of course, that budget cap is broken. In turn the government then "claws back" future billings which, of course, does nothing to help harmony, peace, and light! The government wants the physicians to control utilization and the physicians point out that they cannot control utilization if there is excessive patient demand. The other element which has caused some excitement relates to distribution of physicians. We finally negotiated that, to achieve 100% of the fee schedule, new graduates have to go to remote areas. If they try to set up shop in over-supplied areas (e.g., Toronto) they bill 70% of the fee schedule. I managed to get a clause inserted in which academic appointments are exempt from this protocol.

Susan and I enjoyed an excellent but rapid trip to Sydney, accompanying Dave and Nell Kline. Our book seems to have been well-received there and David and I did the usual lectures, cadaver dissection, live operations, etc. We then did a whirlwind tour of New Zealand, and Susan and I are looking forward to returning to both countries in the near future to get a better look.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Banff. I was involved in the very early discussions at which point the site was chosen, but rapidly handed the project over to Charles Tator from the local arrangements point of view. We have enjoyed so many superb meetings in the United States that the Canadians are looking forward with great anticipation to welcoming our friends to this glorious Canadian setting.

All the best,

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill,

11 June 1997

What is so rare as a day in June? Buchheidt's deadline for The Academician. Comes once a year. So I must again confront my lifelong demon, postponing until tomorrow that which can not be done perfectly today. So what is worth saying to my colleagues? I shall ramble.

Carole and I have travelled a lot, seen the kids and grandkids grow, enjoyed each other's company, read a lot, fished some. It is sad to see what she must struggle with in her practice. Gresham's Law is in full operation. Clever folks still prosper by treating almost anything that can be seen on an image, with maximal technology at maximum expense. Taking a history wastes time. I would rage helplessly [and unhealthfully]. Good thing I'm retired.

Eben Alexander has been exploring the motivation of neurosurgeons and neurosurgeon's sons. David had his adolescent rebellion during the infamous '60s. After holding some New England records in the free style, he had his period of disaffection with this inexcusably imperfect world. I think he considered being a revolutionary. He had a haircut, for a while, that was identical with that of Thomas Willis of the Circle, whose portrait hangs on my wall. Had a beard like Sam Grant and Bobby Lee. With a couple of years' aging, he decided that medicine more effectively served his idealism. He has always been an *ernste Mensch*. Most of us are.

As to fathers and sons in medicine, one remembers Wilhelm His, of the neurone, whose son, also Wilhelm His, discovered the Bundle. I am currently having some malfunction in mine.

Continuing this free association, one thinks of Alger Hiss. Then of Whittaker Chambers, whose excellent biography by Sam Tanenhaus describes how Nixon and HUAC, an exceedingly unattractive lot, actually uncovered, through W.C., some serious treason at high levels. Chambers was an honorable man, many think. Thence to Joe McCarthy. Which recalls the number of unnecessary trephinations that have been done over the ages because once in a while it actually worked!

Anyhow, on this warm June day, every clod feels a stir of life, something within it that reaches and towers _____.

Carole and I are looking forward to seeing many of you in Canada and send our best to those that can't make it

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Cheers!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. W. H.' or similar, written in a cursive style.

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June 17, 1997

Dear Bill;

Ginny and I have only recently returned from a trip to Alaska. Not on the Love Boat, but a smaller vessel that had various scientists along-geologists, biologists and orthopedologists on board with trips in Zodiacs froth ship to the shore. Anyway, the purpose of this letter is to tell you that we met Ephe Olliver from Doylestown Pa. who had very fond memories of you. He recounted your joint rip to Geneva a number of years ago. As you probably know he is now retired and was traveling with a neighbor-also from Doyelstown and having a fine time. He asked to be remembered.

Ginny and I are both well and life here in the wilderness of Maine seems to agree with both of us. Ginny has some children in the Philadelphia area and we stillhave a condominium in Bryn Mawr, so we go down there to visit from time to time during the year. Mine are still in Canada though Ken the pilot(had been in the Canadian Air Force) is now flying for United Airlines and is stationed in Los Angeles-of all places(coming from the backwoods of Canada). You met him , we had dinner together at the neurosurgical meeting in Minneapolis -last year, or was it the year before. Time passes to rapidly. I hope that you and your bride-Shatzie(sp?) are well. We still remember your visit to our home; and by the way, if you are coming to Maine again this summer we of course would be pleased to extend our hospitality.

With kindest regards.

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Dear Bill:

Thank you for the reminder about the "Round Robin". I believe that our Department of Neurosurgery, in general, is doing very well. We have an outstanding group of young residents, each is AOA, and three are Junior AOA. Dr. Tim Pons is in charge of our basic research and continues to be very productive and well funded. We have reason to believe that we will be funded on a program project grant related to research in neurofunctional imaging. Steve Glazier is productive in his research in epilepsy and has reported some very interesting developments in that area. Our vascular program, under John Wilson and Steve Glazier, is thriving. Charlie Branch, of course, is doing an outstanding job in radiation stereotactic surgery, oncology, and spinal surgery. We have joined NABBT.


Dr. Steve Tatter, M.D., Ph.D., plans to join us on July 1st. He currently is Chief Resident at the MGH. Steve has an interest in neuro-oncology, which will fit in very nicely with our effort in that area, both departmentally and institutionally, as we are planning a Cancer Center.

Sally and I are doing fine. We are enjoying our five grandchildren and babysit at every opportunity.

I thought I was going to have to fire Dean Smith this past basketball season, but he eventually turned the team around, so I guess we will keep him for a few more years.

Sally and I are looking forward to seeing all of our friends at the Academy this coming year.

Best wishes,


David and Sally

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Dear Bill

Well, we dodged a bullet. A merger with Mt. Sinai Medical School and Medical Center seemed imminent but, mercifully, fell through. We made the Wall Street Journal: "Doctors in white coats foil businessmen in pinstriped suits intent on merger." Get real! I wish we had that kind of power!

In fact, the merger untangled because of a dispute over money (only \$370 million in debt concealed by one of the parties) and a complex mating dance of control (in administrator-speak: Governance) so bizarre that it reminded me of a limerick:

There was a young homo named Groom;
Who invited a lesbian to his room.
When they turned out the light;
They proceeded to fight;
Over who would do what;
With what; unto whom.

Things continue as they were at NYU- which is just fine with me. In spite of Managed Care and the departure of Fred Epstein from our Department, we continue to fill our OR time and the numbers keep climbing. I'm working harder but earning less for it. But as Thomas Hart Benton once said: "Survival in pursuit of an art is success."

Everybody is now getting along and I can sleep through an entire night without waking up seething about some past or anticipated confrontation. Our residents are doing great. I say, without modesty, that this is the best group of neurosurgical residents that I've ever worked with in my entire career. And there are some new developments.

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May 27, 1997

We just got a Gamma Knife - the first in New York State. Cardinal John O'Connor, Archbishop of New York, blessed the radiosurgery facility at the dedication ceremony. As I'm busy enough with the brain tumor surgery business, I'm having my associate, John Golfinos get involved with radiosurgery as well as other young neurosurgeons on the NYU faculty. Interestingly, after we announced ours, two other Manhattan academic institutions (Memorial and Columbia-Presbyterian) have submitted Certificates of Need for Gamma Knives. The nuclear arms race has begun. This reminds me of the old Tom Lehrer song entitled "Who's Next?". I'll sing you a few bars:

First we got the bomb and that was good,
'cause we're for peace and motherhood.
Then they got the bomb, but that's okay,
'cause the balance of power is maintained that way.
Who's next?

Egypt says they want a bomb too.
Just to annihilate you know who.
Israel's getting tense.
Wants a bomb in self-defense.
"The Lord is my Shepherd", says the Psalm,
But just in case, we'd better get a bomb.
Who's next?

(I wish that I could remember what went on yesterday as well as the words of an obscure song from the 1960's) I won't belabor this except to quote the last line of the song: "We'll try to remain serene and calm; When Alabama gets the Bomb". My point : When Coney Island Hospital or Beth Israel North Division get Gamma Knives, I'm getting the hell out of here! Meanwhile, other things are moving right along.

In the new affiliation contract with NYU medical school, Bellevue Hospital Medical Center has decided that all services should be cost accountable. This struck fear into the hearts of most of the NYU Department Chairs. Not me. I say it's about bloody time that Bellevue finally decided to run like a real hospital and not a city-run gravy train. Not that there's anything wrong with gravy: In the readjustments, we got an extra salary line for an additional staff neurosurgeon at Bellevue. We also got an additional half-time salary at the Manhattan VA which has become the regional referral network for neurosurgery. The increase in volume at both Bellevue and the VA has provided excellent opportunities for our residency program and junior faculty.

My social life goes on at a frantic pace: benefits, dinner parties, antique auction showings and concerts. Many of these occasions seem better in the telling than actually being there-especially since my Tux has gotten rather tight thanks to the "excellent" dinners. Nonetheless, Carol loves it here; so does my 8 year old daughter Caitlin. I still can't decide: do I like it or am I just passing through? Either way, time passes and I'll have been here 4 years this summer.

Speaking of summer, after a whirlwind tour of back to back meetings: Canadian Neurosurgical in Saskatoon, Minimally Invasive Surgery in Paris, World Society of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery in Lyon and the World Congress in Amsterdam, I'll be ready for a week at our place in Deya, Mallorca. There I will obsess on who is paying my overhead back in New York and look forward to August when I can get back to Northeast Harbor, Maine and my sailboat, CYGNUS.

Life would be great if it were not for the fact that I have to earn a living and pay my overhead. Nevertheless, I did buy a Monitor wind vane self-steering system for CYGNUS which the shipyard

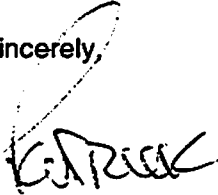
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is now installing on her transom. Monitors have been the favorite self-steering gear for long-distance single handers for the past 15 years. I'm not actually planning an extended cruise yet - but one never knows. These days things can change very quickly. That Monitor may come in real handy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick J. Kelly". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "P" and "K".

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Dear Academicians:

Retirement takes up more time for activities than can be allotted. I continue to serve on the Georgia Medical Licensing and Disciplinary Board. This takes approximately two to four days a month. I also am a Director of the MAG Mutual Insurance Company, which is a physician owned company and the largest insurer for professional liability in the State. I also work in a voluntary free clinic doing general medicine on Mondays.

I help with the interviews for the Emory Neurosurgical Residency Program during November and December.

In January 1996, we went on a Safari to Africa followed by a cruise to the Seychelles Islands in the Indian Ocean. We were in Charleston, South Carolina in February for the Wild Life Festival. We were at The Cloister in March for the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. We survived the Olympics in July. In September, I served as President of the Georgia Surgical Society's annual meeting at The Cloister. In October we went on a Maritime Cruise, sailing from New York up to Bar Harbor, Maine and Nova Scotia on around and down the St. Lawrence to Quebec City and then to Montreal. At the end of October, we went on the Lewis and Clark cruise up the Columbia River and on to the Snake River and on jet boats up Hell's Canyon, and also on some zodiac boats.

Ann developed a deep venous thrombosis while in Charleston in January 1997 and we ended up there in the hospital for 10 days. She is doing well now.

I have a new computer and have gone on line with two different services and have two different E-Mail addresses.

Jane's husband, Malcolm, was recently installed as President-Elect of the Savannah Bar Association. Her two sons Lyle and Maxwell are doing well.

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Barr and Jessica are living in the Boston area (Natick). Barr is practicing corporate law and Jessica has been working at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in the office of development. She is doing free lance writing and consulting in development type work.

John and Brandy have moved into a new house on the inter-costal water way. He is looking to start another restaurant. The Charleston Crab House continues to be very busy.

Jere and Mercedes had their first child, a bay girl, Isabella, on June 9, 1997. They are living in Atlant. Mercedes is working at CNN. Jere works for Rock Tenn, a container corporation in Atlanta.

Bill and Miriam are still living in Sequatchie, Tennessee. Bill teaches special education in a local school. He and Miriam are busy living on a farm with a large garden and lots of wildlife. Their children, Ann Tindell and Kelsey are 11 and 8. They are well versed in flowers, plants, wildlife, and insects.

Jim and Mille are living in Fayetteville, North Carolina where Millie is working for the family's business and Jim is working in the machine tool business. They have a new daughter, Jessie Ann Keener, who was borned on November 22, 1996. Their son, Brooks Keener is 2 1/2 now.

We had a good visit with Phanor Perot and Cone Pevehouse at the Sun Club Meeing in Ann Arbor in May. Unfortunately, we will miss the Academy Meeing in Banff. We go to Vancouver in August for our annual fishing trip with Gordon and Sally Thompson and then shortly after that we have the Georgia Surgical Meeting at The Cloister, where I continue to have obligations. We will miss seeing all of you.

Our best regards to all the members of The Academy. We wish you a very successful meeting in Banff.

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Dear Bill:

I apologize for missing the deadline for most Round Robins, but I have enjoyed reading them. Compared to the exotic accomplishments and travels of the membership our story is rather mundane. After 22 years at the University of Michigan, Charlotte and I have already been in Colorado for 16 years. Colorado remains a great place to live despite the recent influx of people. Of the 15 or so residents we have trained, many of which have academic potential, nearly all have chosen primarily to stay in Colorado above all other choices. Our goal here has been to provide the best neurosurgical training we can within the facilities available. The Denver neurosurgical community has been friendly and cooperative. The Denver Children's Hospital synostosis problem was finally solved with the appointment of Ken Winston, M.D. as Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery. We sponsor a "Neurosurgery In the Rockies" ski meeting every year at Vail the first week in March that has been successful over the last decade. All of you are cordially invited again next year.

Our six children are all doing well, although none has gone into medicine. We have five grandchildren that we enjoy immensely. Charlotte and I still run everyday and we plan to run the Boulder-Boulder classic 10k for the 14th time this Memorial Day. Charlotte has received a ribbon every year. We remain college football fans and rarely miss a CU Buffs home game. Anyone traveling through Denver please give us a call.

Sincerely,

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NEUROSURGERY

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Dear Academicians:

The past two years here at Loma Linda University Medical Center have been stressful, exciting and challenging since I was asked to head the Neurosurgical Program at this institution. The clinical service has been extraordinarily busy and great help has been provided by the addition of Drs. Lloyd Dayes, Charles Stewart, Stanley Rouhe, Neil Johnson with additional contributions from Murray Thale and Wilbur Sanford to the Neurosurgical Faculty.

Research activities in the department have centered around the biology and clinical effects of wound healing mediated by non-penetrating arcuate-legged clips. This concept and method was patented while we were at the University of New Mexico, the patent was licensed by the United States Surgical Corporation in 1992, and after extensive laboratory and clinical trials approved by the FDA for marketing in 1993. The device has caught on with vascular access, transplantation, vascular, plastic, and cardiothoracic surgeons. We have done a number of interesting neurovascular cases in collaboration with James Rose, M.D., at Baylor University, Houston, and Takanori Fukushima, M.D., Allegheny General, Pittsburgh. The clip has been approved for dural closure as well and has definite advantages over needle-and-suture. The royalties from the clip have been utilized in part to sponsor an endowed professorship at the University of New Mexico to honor Dr. Sterling Edwards, the former Professor and Chairman of Surgery. We had a nice ceremony to honor Sterling in Albuquerque and our research group (myself, Professor Yong Hua Zhu, Robert Cushman) received the University of New Mexico Recognition Award from the University of New Mexico. The ceremony in Albuquerque was an occasion for a wonderful reunion with friends and colleagues. Our consulting monies, royalties and patent licensing fees enables strong financial support for our laboratories. We have received a large federal grant from the Defense Conversion Act and collaborate with the scientists and engineers of the TRW Corporation (Space and Technology Division) in a number of

projects. We have welcomed scientists and surgeons from all over the world to our facilities. We currently run CME approved courses teaching the clip technique and the United States Surgical Corporation is projecting 10 other centers in devoted to VCS clip training.

The VCS clip technology has now been extended to minimal invasive cardiac bypass surgery. A new device termed the "one-shot" is capable of applying 12 VCS clips at one firing in order to construct a interrupted end-to-side vascular anastomosis. The quality of these anastomoses far exceed that attainable by conventional suturing. This system is currently under consideration by the FDA. If our abstract is accepted for this meeting, we will demonstrate the device by video tape. We just returned from presenting the device at the World Congress for Minimal Invasive Surgery in Paris. We have become very interested in the circulatory physiology of the "end-to-side" vascular anastomosis.

Family matters are serene despite the inevitable turbulence of the professional life and the "end-to-side" vascular anastomosis. Marie-Claire enjoys the garden, the home, the children and our life here in a quiet part of Southern California. We enjoy the proximity to our son, Jonathan, who I literally work for. He works for an HMO and tells me what to do, when to do it and to whom. Our son Stan, his wife Trinh, and son David, live a bucolic life just outside of Boulder, Colorado. Stan is trying to genetically engineer the production of hemoglobin with the Eli-Lilly Corporation (Synergen). Daniel is engineering a project to clean up radioactivity residual at the Rocky Flats Nuclear Arsenal just outside of Denver. Claudia successfully passed her Radiology boards and now wants to be a neurointerventional radiologist. She is training with Alec Berenstein at Beth-Israel Hospital in New York City. She and Jonathan attended a reunion of children who attended the Anglican School in Jerusalem while we were on sabbatical there in 1980-81. The clip was conceived while we were on sabbatical in Jerusalem from the University of Colorado, and brought to reality while in New Mexico. Loma Linda provided a tremendous base and support for its application with colleagues from Plastic Surgery, Obstetrics, Gynecology, Neonatology, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Neurosurgery and endodontics.

I can't believe I am 66 years old. What amazes me is how fast life goes by, particularly when you are having fun. There are disturbing blips on the radar screen. The trend to overlook the quality of patient care by focusing on the bottom line as a reflection of the true value of a service, the increasing number of regulations, the need for compliance without regard for outcome, and finally the attitudes of institutions who regard neurosurgeons as "providers." The VA is a classic example of bureaucracy

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running amok. There is no way that I could meet the demands for the hours at the VA and so I resigned. In the course of this resignation, my laboratory was inventoried at the behest of the VA Medical Director at a cost to the government of \$1500, ten days work by two secretaries, with a straight-line depreciation of all the equipment accumulated over a 25 year period. The lab was valued at a grand total of 89 cents!

One of the fringe benefits of academia is that if you can build a better "end-to-side" vascular anastomosis, the word gets around fast and people come to visit or you get invited somewhere. Though travel can be a double-edged sword, Marie-Claire and I enjoy traveling and we have been to Germany, France, Italy, Japan and China (since the last countries were part of the Pacific Rim, we had idyllic interruptions in Hawaii) all in the past three years.

Enclosed is a photograph of my companion and I in the South of France, unconcerned about anything except one another.

Looking forward to a great meeting in Canada,

Wolff + Marie-Claire Kirsch

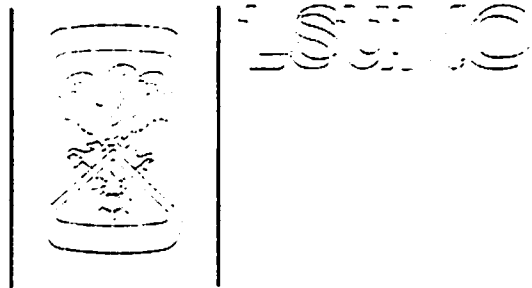
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Dear Bill:

It has been a few years since I've written for the Round Robin and for this I apologize. In partial defense, I much prefer reading about others than writing about myself but of course if all took that tact then there would be no one to read about!

Nell remains very busy with her preschool teaching at Trinity, a Garden District Episcopalian school near the Ponchartrain Hotel. She also keeps a horse on the river near Ochsner and the Huey Long Bridge and a veritable menagerie of pets which include dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets, and at times ducks at the house. Her own children go to Ben Franklin, a New Orleans' magnet school and to Trinity, where she works. My own children are quite grown and flourishing in New Orleans, San Francisco, and Raleigh. They were good enough to attend the recent Senior Society Meeting in Pittsburgh where along with my sister Janet, her husband Tim, and ourselves, we had a great reunion.

Leilani, our sailboat, is aging rapidly after many years of great use on the lake so I will, this coming year, have to shop a bit probably for something used and thus affordable but also seaworthy. In that regard Mike Carey has obtained a wonderful new J-boat. I think I will opt for a used but serviceable cruiser rather than a racer. The Hudsons and Klines had a memorable trip talking and demonstrating nerves in Australia and then spending a glorious holiday in New Zealand. This included a brief cruise in Sidney Harbor before we went to Christ Church.

Our full-time neurosurgical faculty in the Department has increased to eight and includes: Mike Carey, Ed Connolly, Bob Tiel, Rand Voorhies, Dick Coulon, Toussaint LeClercq, and Deepak Awasthi. Several PhD's work in the labs. We have good liaisons with the Neuroscience Center and especially Roger Beuerman and Nick Bazan. They have been a great help for most experimental protocols. University Hospital (formerly Hotel Dieu) and Charity are now blended programmatically for Neurosurgery, while Ochsner remains busy and stable. Trauma, I call for the five of us downtown continues to be interesting, albeit at times stressful, especially after a long operative on clinic day. Current residents and the flow of resident applicants are terrific, so


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we have been blessed with great youth including a rather steady string of individuals coming for fellowships in Nerve. In the last three years this has included Raj Midha of Toronto, Ahmed Rawanduzy and Mike Hahn of New York, Kim Harbaugh of Dartmouth and Line Jacques of Montreal.

So many positive things have happened to me personally in the last few years and for that I am grateful. I will spare you most except: In the last two years I've enjoyed getting to know the other twenty or so Boyd professors within the LSU University system. With the exception of yours truly, they are an exceptional group with soil, sea, and environmental scientists mixed in with law school chancellors, history and philosophy professors, and a few M.D.'s. Most are from our main campus in Baton Rouge, but six are Medical Center professors. Monthly luncheons and biannual dinners are both lively and very broad from an intellectual standpoint. They provide a great reminder that in life we as neurosurgeons are only part of a much larger mix of disciplines and professions.

I hope all of you have a great year.

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Re: Round Robin 1997

Dear Bill,

This spring will be my last active season in clinical neurosurgery. I am 68 and feel strongly that the time has come to let the young people take over. Fortunately, I have a young colleague and friend, Dr. Marwan I. Hariz, who will take care of all those patients who are being referred to me. Dr. Hariz was born in Beirut, Lebanon, but as so many others of his countrymen, he left Lebanon and took his M.D. degree in Reims, France. He moved to Sweden 15 years ago. He worked together with me in Umeå in 1980-87. He witnessed a brilliant intelligence and inexhaustible energy which together with his charm made that he in the last five years has become one of the greatest stereotactic and functional neurosurgeons of the world. He has been offered chairs at many great universities, but he still prefers working at Umeå, a university town of 100.000 inhabitants in a Northern and cold part of Sweden. In the last three years, Dr. Hariz has joined me every three weeks at the Sophiahemmet Hospital in Stockholm. We have done more than 100 Parkinsonian pallidotomies a year. Additionally Dr. Hariz carries out a number of pallidal and thalamic stimulations and psychiatric surgery in the anterior internal capsule for obsessive-compulsive neurosis and in the posteromedial hypothalamus for restless and destructive behavior, usually of a schizophrenic etiology.

The medical care of Sweden undergoes a very deep crisis. The Socialist governments in the last 30 years had spent more money for buying electoral votes than what the GNP allowed, which three years ago led to a very deep economical deficit and debt. Thousands on hospital staff members were fired, the social benefits were cut down, and many big hospitals were closed. All this caused that the waiting lists for elective surgery, such as hip and knee replacements, e.g., became one year long, if at all possible. When the taxes were simultaneously raised the people no longer had money to go to a private hospital. The crisis may not yet have reached the bottom level, and in 1988, before the next governmental elections, the politicians will again increase their promises of new benefits, to gain votes. In 1970 Sweden was at the top of the world's GNP list; today the country is No. 30 in the world and one of the poorest in Western Europe.

My extraneurosurgical interest has always been the history of mankind, and in the recent several years particularly the history of the Jewish people. Being a non-Jew I have, as many others, observed and admired this ethnic group and

wondered why they have such a strong position in the culture and science. A striking example of their scientific standing can be seen on the Marble Wall of the entrance hall of the Humboldt Universität in Berlin, where the names of the Nobel Laureates of this previously famous university have been engraved. Until the year 1933 there were several names engraved in most years, but since then none (if not in the last few years, when I have not visited the university). The racial Semitic origin may not be the real key to the success, which ought to be sought elsewhere.

The Laitinen family received two months ago an increase, when Rebecca Elizabeth was born in New York. Her mother Leena works as a bank lawyer, her father Vladimir Shafranov plays the piano, and her sister Alexandra (4) attends a Kindergarten in Central Park West. In spite of her age she already reads books in four languages, English, Finnish, Swedish and Russian, another proof of the good quality of her half-Jewish genes (and intermarriage).

Our son Jens works as a postdoc at the Institute of Molecular Biology of the University of Torino in Italy. He and his wife Johanna have a 2-year-old son Jesper.

Susanna, our third child, an unmarried lawyer, works in Brussels at the European Alliance of Lawyers. She is acquiring deeper specialization in the European Union's law practice.

Thus Kerstin and I have three children and three wonderful grandchildren. Every summer we all gather at Åland, the beautiful archipelago in the mid of the Baltic Sea, where we have three sea-side cottages in the wilderness. In fact, Kerstin and I live there almost throughout the year, except for a couple of winter months, which we plan to spend in the future in the Canary Islands or Andalucia of Spain.

Thanks for giving me this opportunity to contribute the 1997 Round Robin. Kerstin joins me in sending our best regards to all Academicians.

Sincerely,



Lauri Laitinen, MD, PhD

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May 6, 1997

Dr. William Buckheit
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Dear Bill,

You asked for our latest news. There is quite a lot from the Langfitts. At this writing, in fact just this week, Tom officially retired from the Glenmede Corporation as Chairman. He will remain a board member of both the Glenmede Trust Co. and the Pew Charitable Trusts. We have arranged for him to have an office here at home and in July he will move into a new office at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He will be a Senior Fellow and have some teaching duties in the area of public policy and management. He is hard at work on a book and being on campus will be very stimulating.

We celebrated Tom's 70th birthday last month and the third birthday of our little granddaughter, Barbara, whom you helped us welcome into the world at Jefferson Hospital. Her parents, David and his wife, Margaret, have a little boy, William, who is one. David is practicing law here in Philadelphia. Our second son, John, who is a neuropsychologist at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY, and his wife, Emilie, have three children, Daniel, 9, David, 5 and Meg, 2. They were all here for Tom's birthday. Our son, Frank, was the only one missing. He had been sent just a few days before to Beijing where he will be the correspondent for the Baltimore Sun for the next three years. He was married last summer to Julie who is interning in Veterinary Medicine. She will join him by June.

With not quite so much pressure, Tom and I expect to spend the summer doing some traveling. We intend to start with Turkey and Crete, a long planned trip in late June. We hope to visit Frank in China after the first of the year.

I have been very involved in a lot of projects. I serve on the board of the White Williams Foundation which gives weekly stipends to honor roll students in the public schools who live in poverty. The purpose is to make their lives somewhat easier and to encourage achievement and graduation. We now give to 1000 students. Our endowment is small but we raise funds as well.

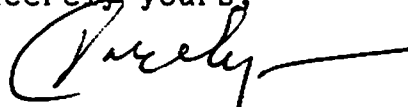
Over the past few years I have become involved with the Hospital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti. This is its 40th anniversary and it is considered the best hospital in Haiti. It is the only medical care for 200,000 people in the heart of the country. I have visited several times and am now on the development committee of the Grant Foundation which

administers the Hospital. It has been a wonderful experience and I go back as often as I can.

Both Tom and I find this a great time of life. We especially enjoy being grandparents. We had no idea how much fun it would be. We expect to welcome another in September. There will then be three nearby at David and Margaret's. It is wonderful to have them only 2 miles away.

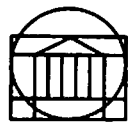
We wish you all well and please let us know if you pass through Philadelphia.

Sincerely yours,

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Carolyn Langfitt

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June 17, 1997

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Dear Bill:

Peggy and I are continuing to enjoy life and work in Charlottesville, Virginia. We have a delightful lifestyle and are trying to take advantage of all that the area has to offer. Peggy has a large and productive garden, and she continues to be an enormous help to me with her editing and writing skills. We have kept our home on Gibson Island, Maryland and get up there as frequently as our schedule will allow. It is not really too far away, and we certainly enjoy taking advantage of the Chesapeake Bay and its surroundings.

Each of our four daughters is doing something entirely different, but all are doing well, and there is a great deal of focus on our grandson Max, who just turned three in May. We have recently had the happy news that Eleanor, our youngest, plans to be married in the Spring of 1998.

The development of our Neuroendocrine Center here at the University of Virginia continues to flourish. We have wonderful colleagues, great support, and excellent infrastructure with regard to basic science and clinical activities and surgical and other treatment modalities. We have become very enthusiastic about incorporating the Gamma knife into treatment plans for some particularly difficult pituitary tumors. If things go according to the current pace, right about the time of the Academy Meeting in Banff, we will have done our three-thousandth open transsphenoidal operation. Pituitary surgery certainly has been a rewarding area for me, and I feel grateful to have had the opportunity to begin at the right time and the right place, and to be able to sustain and expand the effort as we have. My clinical activity continues to be very diverse and interesting, including the epilepsy work, the peripheral nerve surgery, and pallidotomies and brain tumors. We have had a few fellows who have done a nice job and the residents are really quite excellent and productive.

Organizational activities will dominate much of this year, and we have made some very exciting plans for the AANS meeting in Philadelphia. The meeting actually coincides with my 60th birthday, so it will be quite an event. It sometimes gets a little difficult to juggle all of the responsibilities with the College of Surgeons, the World Federation, the Pituitary Society, and now the RRC but it certainly keeps us active and one the move. We still enjoy the travel that goes along with these various jobs, and both of us look forward to seeing all of the friends and colleagues at the Academy meeting in Canada.

Sincerely,

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May 7, 1997

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Dr. Buchheit,

I do not wish another year to pass without contributing to the "Round Robin". Carmen keeps well and busy with her art gallery that features Latin American works. I keep busy also attempting to maintain an office type practice in neurological surgery, if such a practice exists. I am no longer performing surgery or assisting at surgery and have no nights or weekend assignments except a rare emergency. I find this a strange life for a neurosurgeon. I am involved chiefly with my own disabled patients with chronic pain, attempting to position them for a "soft landing" into planned medical care coverage that is around the corner. In twelve to twenty-four months, their present coverage will cease to exist and at last I will become a dinosaur.

Carmen and I both look forward to returning periodically to the wonderful Fall meetings of the Academy which we have missed in recent years. We enjoy receiving the Round Robin and I want to thank you personally for long term suffering in providing our membership with this pleasure.

Best personal regards,



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Don M. Long, M.D., Ph.D.
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April 15, 1997

Dear Academician:

1996 was a little less eventful than the several prior years. We have actually finished the construction on the new addition to our old home and for the first time in two years, we are without workmen. Not that the house is finished, there is always a new project when you live in a 130 year old wooden house in the termite capital of the world.

Our peripatetic children still keep us busy, however. Kimberley, her husband, Lee Riley, and our two grandchildren, Lauren age 3, and Tommy age 1, moved back to Baltimore after sojourns in Berlin, Miami, and Milwaukee. Lee joined the staff of the Spine Center. They live only a few blocks away and I must say, it is fun to have the grandchildren easily accessible.

Elisabeth and her husband, Paul, are still in Chicago where Paul is in his thesis year for a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature. Elisabeth continues with the University of Chicago Library in their Preservation Department.

David returned to the Kellogg Business School at Northwestern for an M.B.A. and is just about to complete his first year. I was hoping to have them all out of school by the time that I retired. I may make it if Elisabeth does not resume a Ph.D. program and David decides that an M.B.A. is enough.

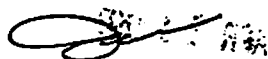
Harriett is busy as a member of the Board of Trustees of St. John's College. It means four times a year board meetings and a lot of trips to Annapolis for her assigned projects.

I seem to just keep on doing the same things, but some how life gets busier rather than less hectic. The new construction has given me a sizable landscaping project to accomplish at home.

We managed to keep our travel schedule busy. Harriett and I were in Peru in February and have plans to visit her ancestral home in Germany in conjunction with the international meeting in the summer.

It has been a very good year. We are enjoying both our home renovations and our new role as grandparents. Look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

Yours sincerely,



Don M. Long, M.D., Ph.D.

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April 7, 1997

William A. Buchheit
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Dear Bill:

The Round Robin is a great way to report to surviving friends in Neurosurgery and learn about many of the younger stars and the incredible things they can do. Being retired for 19 years I never see new patients but surprisingly still have calls from friends or old patients to report or ask advice. Our new local hospital only a mile away is doing well.

Katy is fine. Our boys' families here and in Denver are doing well. In the past eight months I have survived a cortical contusion on our paved driveway. We believe it was due to stupidly mowing the lawn for too long on a hot day without stopping to maintain hydration. I was recovering nicely but five months later had acute intestinal obstruction due to an adhesion fortunately. I was out of the hospital in less than a week and home on this island in ten days. I have regained eight pounds, require no assistance and am driving with the approval of my doctors and wife.

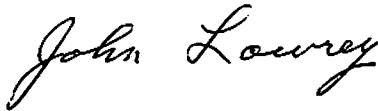
These illnesses have been a real educational experience. The most interesting thing has been the temporary disorientation both spacial and temporal from the concussion. These symptoms are very real to the patient and I am very grateful to have recovered. I am sure my memory has not improved but at 83 years what can one expect. Patients and their doctors are very lucky to live in this age of scans. We all remember pneumoencephalograms.

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In this beautiful spot we continue to enjoy family, friends and this incredible world around us. On clear nights comet Hale-Bopp has been visible for over a month. From the environmental standpoint it is too bad our volcano has resumed its flow into the sea. The resulting vog contaminates the atmosphere but the tourists love to go see the flowing lava.

Our regards to everyone.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Lowrey".

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GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

Department of Neurosurgery

May 12, 1997


Dear Academicians:

At least clinically, I am more or less fully retired, but my name is still on the door and my portrait is in place. I was made emeritus.

My wife and I live in Florida most of the time and socialize with a few old members. I played golf with Charlie Drake a few times and he told me that golf "saved his life." It might be the same for me but the trouble is one's game gets worse and worse.

I received an honor significant to me. A lectureship has been endowed in my name for the yearly combined meetings of the American Society of Therapeutic and Interventional Neuroradiology and the Joint Section of Cerebrovascular Surgery of the AANS and CNS. Such great progress in Neuro-endovascular is gratifying.

My regards to all the academy members,



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April 4, 1997

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Dear Fellow Academician:

I am sorry that Julie and I will not be able to get together with friends and colleagues in Vanns. Prior commitments preclude our participation in the Academy Meeting, a meeting which we regard as the premier academic and social event of the year.

The search for the succession to Peter Jannetta continues. Our department remains strong with good bases covered with a center of excellence concept. Despite the vicissitudes of mangled care, department business is up 26% in the past year. We are busily creating networks of hospitals and neurosurgeons who will be affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

My daughter, Stephanie, will complete her first year at the University of Virginia which she has grown to love as I did. It was a great honor for me to be Visiting Professor at the University of Virginia where I served as a hospital orderly in 1967 and 1968, hospital intern in 1974, and eventually Visiting Professor in 1997.

My son, Andy, starts high school this year, is active in drum playing, crew, model railroading, golf, and too many other activities to even keep up with. I wonder if I had so much energy at his age.

Julie continues a number of community activities and tries to endure my travel schedule. She has still not given up trying to reform me after 26 years of marriage.

Best regards for a great meeting.

Yours sincerely,

L. Dade Lunsford, M.D.

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Transforming the Present — Discovering the Future

For the Neurosurgeon—

Dear Bill

Since I am sans a Secretary
my script will have to suffice—

This year started off with a
memorable flood—The town took a
real beating—since my home is
on high ground we were not flooded.
Because of rainfall on a record
snow fall in our mountains the
flood ensued—The result all lakes
& reservoirs are full—hence expect
good picking this year—

Another grand daughter graduated
from University of Nevada—Reno with
a degree in Business Administration
& promptly entered said world—

Despite being retired as an emeritus
prof. from UVR—School of medicine I
continue to attend rounds and offer
some teaching—

The high point of the year was the
receiving of the distinguished service
award from the M.P.N.S. in Denver—
A wonderful way to terminate my years
as a neurosurgeon. Always a labor of
love—

Bobby remains unchanged & I
continue to see—Perhaps too quickly.

We are both certain that the
golden years are overrated -
Hope to get to the meeting in
Bang this year -

My best to all

Eric Mack

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June 12, 1997

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Dear Bill,

Thank so much for your reminder about the Round Robin. As of July 1997, it will be 6 years since I stepped down as chairman at Mount Sinai, and 3 years since I retired from practice. In these last three years I have been so unexpectedly busy that I missed writing for the 1996 Round Robin. I see no patients, do no consultations and review no cases, but I continue participating in rounds and conferences at Mount Sinai. Additionally, since I last wrote, I have been an invited lecturer on 19 occasions, many as guest of honor or keynote speaker. With Ruth on most of these trips as well, this has given us both wonderful travel and the opportunity to spend time with many old friends and make new ones also.

In the course of all this I have been fortunate to receive some very special honors. I was given the first Lewis and Clark Achievement Award for Expanding the Frontiers of Medical Science, at my alma mater, the University of Virginia, and I was elected to the Raven Society there as well. The May 1997 issue of the Mount Sinai Journal of Medicine was a special issue, with the articles by my former students and my colleagues dedicated to me.

Meanwhile, I continue writing and reviewing for the neurosurgical journals, designing and building prototype equipment in my shop, and then helping Valley Forge Scientific Corporation with the commercial production of these designs. It seems incredible, but I actually took more time off before I retired. Our health continues to be excellent, with both of us working out at the health club several times each week. Now with summer here we have just begun to use our boat, and will have to skip two weeks on the water for the meetings in Berlin and Amsterdam this July.

Our children are well, with Larry and Vicky living in the Boston area where Larry's son Nicky just finished his second year at Harvard. Larry continues as a photographer, while Vicky is head of marketing for a major software developer. Lynne and her husband Steve live in Long Beach, California, where our other two grandchildren are in school, not yet at college age. Lynne teaches French, and Steve is a very busy invasive cardiologist. Everything considered, we see them all quite regularly.

With warmest regards,



Leonard Malis

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GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

Department of Neurosurgery
Robert L. Martuza, MD
Professor and Chairman

June 15, 1997

Dear Bill and other Academy members:

This has been quite a year! As many of you know, I lost some time when I unexpectedly was diagnosed with prostate cancer. It was picked up as the result of an elevated PSA on my routine yearly physical exam - no symptoms, not even a palpable nodule. But, a biopsy proved it was cancer and, after considering various options, I chose to have a radical prostatectomy. This put me on the disabled list for a few months. Jill, the kids, and many of you were very supportive during this time and I thank everyone for it. This was clearly an event that was not on my schedule in my day planner! Nonetheless, I have come through it well. I am back at full steam and hopefully I have staved off some nasty future complications had it not been detected. If any of you happen to develop a similar problem and need someone to talk to, please call - maybe I can help- if not, maybe I can just listen.

Through this, I saw cancer from a few different angles than my prior clinical or research experience had offered. I may have even learned a few things about our medical system and health insurance, about not taking one's health for granted, and even about enjoying life. When I was recovering from surgery, my nurse (a 5 year old Cairn terrier) and I would go for walks to increase my endurance, and she taught me that no matter how much of a hurry you are in, no matter how important it is where you are going, sometimes you just have to stop and sniff the hydrants. And that is what we all did this past week.

The nest is quickly being emptied so Jill and I and our three children took this final moment together and went on a cruise to the Bahamas. All agreed it was the best vacation ever! My oldest daughter, Robin, and I did some wine tasting. My youngest daughter and I danced calypso on deck under the stars 'till 2AM, and my son Kris, 19 years old, could legally drink while at sea so I bought two big rum drinks and he and I lounged in the sun and watched the bikini-clad babes go by - a real father/son event. Meanwhile, Jill and I danced every night and simply enjoyed ourselves. I reminded the kids that "The only thing worse than dying is not living" - and boy did we live!

So now we are back at home preparing for the great departure. Kris will stay with us for now. He has a job and takes some courses at a local college; he has an aptitude for painting and more recently has been exploring creative writing. Robin and Kathi are leaving for San Francisco. Kathi, 17 years old, graduated from high school last week. She was accepted at Julliard and at NYU but her dream has always been to dance professionally. She was offered positions at the American Ballet Theatre in New York and with the San Francisco Ballet. Even though I'm a tried and true academic, I advised her that she should never let school interfere with her education, and her heart is in dancing. In a few weeks she will be a member of the Corps of the San Francisco Ballet. She will come to know classical music through dance and she'll see the world. They go to Edinburgh, Scotland in

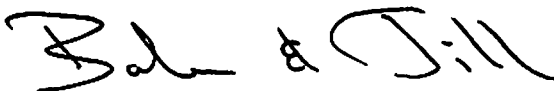
August. To me, that is education; and if it doesn't work out, if she doesn't like it, or if she gets injured, she can always go the college route later. Meanwhile, her sister Robin, now 22 years old, graduated with honors from Georgetown a few weeks ago with a degree in Studio Arts and Psychology. She has always been interested in architecture, worked for an architectural firm in DC while in college, and is taking a year to explore if that is what she wants to pursue. She always loved San Francisco - so she and Kathi have found an apartment together. Robin has a job offer with an architect and is also exploring other options.

Jill, of course, is helping to orchestrate all of this - finding apartments via the Internet, going to San Francisco with the girls to secure an apartment and then helping move in. I suspect our frequent flyer miles will be mounting. Jill still actively is involved with quilting and works part-time in a funky women's boutique in DC. She also helps to introduce diplomats to American ways via a group called The Hospitality and Information Service - an unofficial arm of the State Department.

As for me, I am trying to keep our department afloat (which so far is working) in this imploding hospital environment in DC. Our case numbers continue to increase, our budget is balanced, and our research is going very well. Our herpes virus (G207) was granted a patent this past year and we are at the level of FDA discussions to take it into human trial. As an offshoot, we are exploring its uses in other cancers - including, as you might imagine - prostate cancer. Clinical grade product is currently being made and we expect to go into clinical trials within this next academic year.

Sadly, Jill and I will not be with all of you at this year's meeting due to a family wedding as well as a prior commitment to give a talk at a meeting in Italy. Hopefully, this will not only be academically productive, but also give Jill and me a chance to be together, eat some great Italian food, drink some wine, see some great art, explore some ruins, and in general, to sniff some Roman hydrants.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the '98 meeting,
Stay healthy,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob & Jill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bob and Jill Martuza

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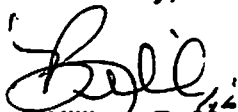
I apologize for being tardy in writing but I am recovering from surgery for a ruptured lumbar disc on the left at L2-3 in January and from another on the right side at L3-4 in May. But, things are slowing improving now and while I am walking with the aid of a walker, I will probably be able to use only a cane in a week or two.

Otherwise, all goes well with us - we are selling our home (after 45 years) and moving into a nice retirement area nearby. A five bedroom house and three acres or yard proved to be too much for two old (us) citizens.

Our oldest son is still in Hong Kong where he has practiced archaeology for the past 27 years. Our second son is busy here in Nashville where he practices vascular surgery. Our daughter lives in San Francisco and is a landscape architect, and our youngest son is a teacher in a military academy in Alabama. We are fortunate that we have six healthy grandchildren, three boys, and three girls - all smart and brilliant!! (Ha Ha)

Well, that's all for the Meacham report at the present, but hope to be well enough to attend the next annual academy meeting.

Sincerely,



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June 17, 1997

Fredric B. Meyer, M.D.
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Dear Academicians:

Over the last year my wife Irene and I have had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the rapid growth and development of our four children. The oldest Jenna, is now 5½. She is wonderfully interested in artistic creations. She also appears to have an affinity for languages. Our second daughter, Ilana, has now become a 3½ year old tempress. She is very opinionated, flirtatious, and coy. At this point, whatever her older sister does she must also do better.

Our third child, Ben, is 2½. His major delights include teasing his sisters and crushing bugs. The youngest, Jacob Thor, is now walking and climbing throughout our house. Perhaps the most exciting and surprising news is that my wife is now pregnant again with our fifth child. If all goes well, we will have the dubious honor of having five children under the age of six.

As one might expect, our life is quite hectic managing two busy clinical and research practices while attempting to take care of our children. The most difficult issue facing us is finding quiet time for just Irene and myself. However, when I reflect upon my life thus far, I realize just how truly fortunate I am. I have been lucky to have wonderful teachers, mentors, and colleagues. I am lucky to have a wonderful wife and family. Enough schmaltz - let's go fishing!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Meyer".

Fredric B. Meyer, M.D.

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New Bill and Academician.

A quick up-date - John and I have traveled extensively - Sept to Turkey & Greece, Dec. to Lania for Christmas, April to Tucson and Aug. will be Sweden. Our greatest was Cooking School in Villa a. Pesto, Italy and a wonderful "people experience". We're having a wonderful time!

We watched with great pride as U of Arizona won the NCAA Title - and wore our ARIZONA shirts and sweat caps to Italy!

We are building a home in Napa, Calif. (St. Helena^{CA} - 1450 Silverado Trail) so The Silverado Cond is on the market. I have bought a Patio Home in Scottsdale and John's big house is on the market. We'll be at 8141 E. Cortez Rd. Scottsdale 85260 when Paradise Valley home sells.

Ed Lewis came thru and had a chance to meet John and see our two homes - we spent a lovely evening catching up -

How III continues to follow in his Dad's footsteps - has had several tempting job offers, but so far is staying at Barnes Hosp., St. Louis.

Laura & Jon Eberly and John & Kimberly are still happily in Tucson & we see them often.

We don't stay home much - somewhere every month - but our phones are (602) 998-8963 Phx and (707) 257-3208 - Napa. - Come see us.

Best to Everyone - Lois (Dunnet) Mueller





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Dear Bill,

I recently finished a letter to Eben, on a subject that might be of some interest to our fellow Academecians. I could give him no answers but I am sure that some of our colleagues might have a lot to add. Perhaps you could include it in the Round Robin.

Looking forward to the fall meeting.

With best wishes to all.

Dear Eben,

Your two questions: "Why do neurosurgeon's sons go into neurosurgery?" and "Why did John go into neurosurgery?" are unanswerable. They could have been followed by another: "Why did your daughter not go into it?", but that must await a generation even in the asking.

Thirty or more years ago the question was even different. At about that time a bunch of us were sitting around a pool somewhere - Key Biscayne perhaps - when the lack of father-to-son succession in neurosurgery came up. We could think of the Davis, the Brown and the Gurjjan families but that was the complete list, whereas we could think of innumerable examples among our colleagues in internal medicine, radiology, general surgery and the like. We focussed upon the sons and upon society without an answer.

"Look you guys," said a distinguished contemporary, "you've got it all wrong." "You're asking the wrong questions." "You've got to decide what qualities and talents are essential to neurosurgery and then ask yourselves which of those qualities or talents may or may not be inherited or transmitted."

"Dont ask me to prove it," he said, to the universal acclaim of all around the pool "but it is axiomatic that neurosurgeons are smarter than other people." "Moreover" he added "they are skilfull: they have good hands: they are manual people, In its broader sense they are manipulative. They manipulate their colleagues, their families, their hospitals. This is known as leadership. They are leaders." The poolside self awareness perceptably expanded.

"If psychiatrists go into psychiatry in a search for an understanding of their own anxieties, then neurosurgeons go into neurosurgery because they dont know what anxiety is."

This merited another round of refreshment for all.

"There is one more observation I have made," said the distinguished contemporary, whose every sip now became the portent of yet another shard of insight, truth and wisdom, into an understanding of the noble company present. "It is the road of upward mobility. From their beginnings to their present stations neurosurgeons have travelled a longer, steeper and faster road than others"

"Now which of these characteristics cannot be passed on?"

"The smartness is a matter of straight inheritance. Right?" We all agreed.

"The same goes for the manual skills. Right?" Right there too.

"If he has seen the old man manipulate and lead everyone as long as he can remember, the manipulative powers can surely be acquired by observation and example."

"and if he has never seen anxiety at home then what is there to be anxious or nervous about?"

Our distinguished contemporary would have made a great lawyer. Questions with only one possible answer. Socrates would have been proud of him.

"Which leads me to the conclusion," he said "that the old man has been so damned successful in neurosurgery that the kid had no upward mobility road to climb.

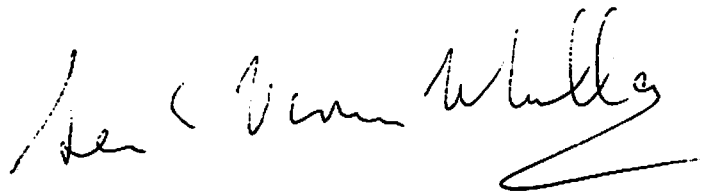
He had made a brilliant analysis of the situation, though he has subsequently denied to me that he ever said a word of it. He might even have been right. He antedated what might be a form of Peter's Principle. Whatever was the cause of non continuity, it has now disappeared. Perhaps a declining affluence in neurosurgery has restored the stimulus of upward mobility. There are now multiple father-to-son successions. What about our grandchildren? With one granddaughter and four grandsons I have some muted expectations, though I will never express them beyond this page. I have also some worries. Remember Munro (of the foramen)? As a young man he had studied in Leyden. He then held the chair of anatomy at Edinburg. It became a family fiefdom. Somewhere down the line, in the third or fourth generation, a more indolent Munro appeared. He was not without resource. He adopted to medicine an old Scots church tradition of preaching the sermon of some long deceased predecessor, hoping that the congregation was asleep or hadn't remembered. Munro the third, or fourth, simply read his grandfather's, or his great grandfather's notes, beginning with "When I was in Leyden ——"

To get back to your question, as to why John followed me into neurosurgery, I must say that I have no real idea.

We had thought that perhaps he might become a transplant surgeon. He was apprenticed to the art of rat cage cleaning with the transplant service since his high school days and ended up in medical school with the skill necessary to transplant a rat heart on to the aorta of a recipient. Then three weeks on the clinical liver transplant service offered too much blood, toil, tears and sweat. He figured that there must be an easier way. Neurosurgery might be it. If the old man could do it then anyone could. Perhaps esthetically neurosurgery was more satisfying. Perhaps it had greater appeal to a natural perfectionist.

I realise Eben that this response may not enhance an understanding of your question, which is intellectual, emotional and deeply interesting. I look forward to an enlightenment when your study is complete.

With best personal regards,



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14 April '97

Dear Bill:

I am now in my fifth year of retirement from Duke Neurosurgery, but seem to be busier than ever. I still maintain an office at Duke, thanks to Bob Wilkins and the new chief Allan Friedman. This has allowed me to finish the DREZ book which was recently published by the AANS. We went back and contacted all the DREZ patients from 1976 to the present and it was very revealing. Everyone needs to revisit their past successes and failures. We still have our neurophysiology lab, intact and functioning and continue to work on the problems of deafferentation pain. Most recently I have been working with the Physics Dept. here at Duke. They have one of the most advanced labs to study the Free Electron Laser (FEL), in brief this is tuneable laser much different from the current lasers in medical use. We have been studying the effects of the FEL laser on the cerebral cortex and spinal cord of rats. The Neurosurgery Dept., at Vanderbilt recently sponsored a meeting on the FEL and brought together the workers in the field world-wide. Vanderbilt has a dedicated clinical and research building for the FEL, but so far it has not been used clinically.

Jim has finished his Neurosurgical Residency at Duke, and is now experiencing reentry into the real world of surgery, he will probably stay in the South to practice. Jim is always writing and has just finished a book on the death of Dylan Thomas the great Welsh poet who was said to have died of alcoholism in New York during a poetry tour. Read Jim's book to be published soon in England for the "real story". Irene keeps busy with her church work and good deeds and grand children. Our new house at the Beaufort seaside occupies a lot of our time. Ann our second daughter has been active at the Sara B Duke Gardens, and was recently recognized nationally for her program for school children and gardening. She even has a Web site.

I must confess to my friends and others, that I did indeed appear in the recent movie "The People Vs Larry Flynt" as a drug dealing Beverly Hills doctor, "Dr. Bob". Larry Flynt was shot some years ago and is paraplegic. He had the DREZ operation here at Duke (Allan Friedman operated) which has relieved his pain for a number of years. I was asked to be the technical director for the OR scene, and later Milos Forman the director asked me to play a small part in the movie. It was a very interesting experience and I was impressed by the people and the technology required to make a film. It was interesting to know Woody Harrelson and Courtney Love, who should have been up for an Academy Award. So now I am a member of Actors Equity, but so far my phone is silent. Oh well, fame for one day is better than none. Ha.

Best Regards,

Blaine Norwood



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Dear Bill:

On January 1, 1997, Indiana University Hospitals merged with the large private Methodist Hospital. Although the hospitals involved will retain their own name, the new system is called Clarian Health. By admissions, it is the second largest system in the United States. As of today, neurosurgery is still done as it was prior to the consolidation. Dr. Julius Goodman from Methodist and myself are continuing to have discussions concerning a possible alliance or merger of the two involved neurosurgical groups.

The Nelson family is doing well. Benjamin is a junior at University of Wisconsin and Jonathan is a sophomore at Indiana University. Jennifer is in the seventh grade. Tere, Jennifer and I recently returned from a fabulous NSA meeting in London and Cambridge followed by golf at St. Andrews.

Dr. Campbell continues to have a presence at Indiana University. He continues to see some patients, participates in conferences, and does acoustics with Dr. Miyamoto of the ENT service.

Looking forward to seeing you in the Canadian Rockies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul".

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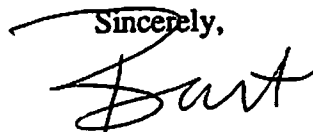
Sorry for my tardy response to your request for the Round Robin. It seems the farther away that I get from the structured environment at Mayo, the fewer hours I have in the day. My last American Board of Neurological Surgery meeting was in May in San Diego and with that behind me, I have reflected on the absolute joy that I had with the camaraderie involved with the Board and the realization that the "boarding" process is under siege from many quarters and should be guarded jealously lest the elegance of our profession be profoundly altered. My work with the Mayo Clinic Outreach Program is continuing and I am working with a former resident at Franciscan Skemp Healthcare in La Crosse, Wisconsin, with which Mayo has an affiliation. I am also maintaining my liaison with Massachusetts General Hospital and a great program with Nick Zervas.

Judy is full tilt with her work and has just finished a commission for Saint Marys Hospital to do a ceiling in the new children's wing as well as arranging for our trip this coming week to Kansas City to install one of her pedestal pieces at Hallmark Card permanent art installation.

I'm sorry I was unable to take you up on your fishing trip this year. Hopefully, next year I'll have better access.

Best wishes to everyone.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill,

Can't put much zeal in your appeal because my activities have not been all that zealous. Several trips South (to New York City) and to Boston to see old friends and family, a good play or two, and a fine lecture at the Academy of Arts and Science in Cambridge.

Keep busy here in the N.W. hills of Conn. with sketch classes, bridge, meetings with good talk, etc.

The live models at sketch classes eventuate per JLP as sketches of nudes, natch, which set my prim housekeeper crazy. "Ach" doctor, "Why do you keep drawing those naked ladies? I'M going to take them out to the studio right now and stack them upside down!"

The big news/^{is} that my youngest son Dan's latest book, published by Harper Collins, has just hit the stands and already is meeting with approval:

Dicken's Fur Coat and Charlotte's
Unanswered Letters.

The Rows and Romances of England's
Great Victorian Novelists

by
DANIEL POOL
Author of

What Jane Austen Ate and Charles Dickens Knew.

***** (End of blurb).
(Packed with tales of skulduggery and the cryptic sex life of many a famous figure.

Finally, it was an enormous delight to know that Ernie Mack received the annual distinguished service award from the AANS ! Very, very well deserved.

With warm and sunny regards to fellow Robineers and hopes the next Academy gathering will be in a less glacial setting and hence nearby,

Yrs aye,

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Dear Bill:

1996 through 1997 has been an interesting year for all of us. Our department at Mt. Sinai continued to grow although the changes that are occurring in medicine these days may well make it more difficult next year. In spite of that, we have had significant support from our institution and are in the process of opening an entire new operating floor solely for neurosurgery.

Most of the information about our department however is known in the neurosurgical community and I won't dwell on that. Linda is thriving in her position as a bioethicist at Montefiore Hospital with Nancy Dubler. She graduated Cardoso Law School two years ago, passed the NY and NJ bars, but with the desire to enter the field of bioethics. The position she has is ideal and every day is a new and exciting venture for her. I marvel at their ability to get grants. It seems foundations keep knocking on their door asking them to do projects rather than the opposite. She truly is in heaven.

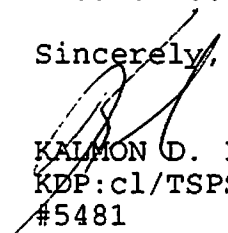
Illana continues as a mergers and acquisition attorney with Skadden Arps. Her work days are long and arduous but she loves the work. She married a young man, Lawrence Raia, in October 1995 and they will make Linda and me grandparents in September. They are expecting a little girl. This has caused a great deal of excitement in the family.

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Alex has just completed his second year of medical school at Mt. Sinai and this past week went through part one of the national boards. He is now relaxing for a few weeks before starting his clinical rotations. So far, neurosurgery seems to have an appeal to him. It continues to astonish me how many sons and daughters of neurosurgeons have an interest in the same field. Eban Alexander's presentation at the Senior Society Meeting last month was very appropos.

All in all, everybody is doing well and hopefully will remain healthy. We look forward to seeing members of the Academy at the future meetings.

Sincerely,



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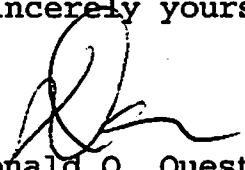
Dear Academician:

It has been a eventful year at the Neurological Institute of New York, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. Bob Solomon has been designated Chairman-Elect and is completing his negotiations. I have followed Ben as Acting Chairman of the Department this past year and have enjoyed most of the activity surrounding this responsibility. One of the most interesting aspects is the merger of the New York and Presbyterian Hospitals and the potential that that provides for the Neurosurgical Services at these two institutions. My work as Secretary of the American Board of Neurological Surgery has been most rewarding and interesting. We have a great group of Directors on the Board who are committed and are deeply engaged in the Board's activities.

Our oldest daughter Wendy lives on the westside of Manhattan and works at Smith Barney having completed her MBA at Columbia last June. Our middle daughter, Amy, completed her nursing degree at Columbia and is working in Washington, DC. She has a serious beau who is an assistant golf pro at a country club in Washington; perhaps some of his skills will rub off on me. Our youngest daughter, Susan, graduated with a major in English from Vanderbilt last May and will be attending New York Law School starting in the Fall. Ilona, of course, is the glue that holds the whole enterprise together and is very happy as am I to have all three of our daughters close by.

We look forward to seeing our Academy friends in Banff.

Sincerely yours,



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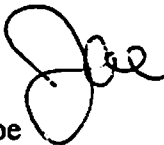
May 20, 1997

Dear Dr. Buchheit:

I'm happy to report to the Round Robin for this year. Professionally things at the Tampa V.A. are going very well. We're treating our first patient with our radio-surgery unit the (Peacock), - a large AVM which has been reduced by pre-treatment embolization. Dave Cahill has recruited Avery Evans to USF, Avery being a card carrying interventional neuroradiologist. He's already wired a ruptured A-com aneurysm with good results. The department is also recruiting a neurosurgeon who specializes in seizure surgery and who will also do thalamotomies for Parkinson's. He'll also work at the V.A. The only thing we need now is an image guided system to put us into the 21st century!

Personally life is great as I'm approaching my 82nd birthday! Lori's maxillo practice at the V.A., and with the Plastic Surgeons at TGH is thriving. Jake is 8 and Jade is 19 months- both great kids. I'm still running 2 miles a day.

Hope to see all soon,


Joe

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Re: American Academy of Neurological Surgery Round Robin

Dear Bill,

Thanks for your note re the Denver AANS Annual Meeting. Ernie Mack was a perfect choice or the Distinguished Service Award and your introduction was just right. My thanks have also been expressed to Buz, Ed and Sidney for selecting Bob Ojemann as this years Cushing Medalist. It was great to have Jean and Bob there – together with John Tew, Roberto and Bob Martuza at his introduction. Jim Story and Don Quest come to mind as Academicians who acquitted themselves honorably with the Neurosurgical Jazz Band at the Opening Reception. Bob Ratcheson and Bill Chandler did a fantastic job with the meeting and program arrangements. Our members really were the ones who carried the ball. Speaking of which, Ed Laws has already instituted a Conference Call arrangement so that all of the members of the AANS Board of Directors will be more involved in decision making. It is a needed and far sighted innovation.

Lots of excitement hereabouts last week with the NBA Finals. Earlier today Tom Lehman missed the 17th green and a chance to win the US Open. Losing interests me. Commentators lead with questions about “not getting it done” and “how does it feel to lose again.” Losing *when* and *against whom*? It’s hard for me to listen to all the second guessing. The Jazz had a great season, are a group of overachieving guys who are also good citizens in this community and they should feel great right now – if they’ll be allowed to do so.

Interesting times. We had our university president leave for a higher paying job at the University of Houston. A successor hasn’t yet been chosen. This, in turn, has an effect on our academic medical center which is in the process of choosing a new medical school Dean. Our colleague, Peter Heilbrun, is now Acting Dean, and he is an excellent choice. Hard for a candidate, say in Massachusetts, to make an decision and move all the way out here with his family when it doesn’t know who his (ultimate) boss is going to be.

The practice scene around here continues to change. Bruce Sorensen and I parked ourselves adjacent to IHC’s flagship hospital twenty-five years ago and never saw patients or operated anywhere else. Now, our four person neurosurgical group is going to begin seeing patients at a second office and perhaps a third. IHC will enfranchise with its IHC Health Plans insurance a limited and carefully proscribed number of specialists and it seems prudent for us to cover and

deliver the goods for that referral base. What we are doing seems the best way to accomplish that. Neurological surgeons are appearing out of the woodwork: one each coming this summer to Ogden and Provo (trained in Chicago) and our son, Chuck, with two years left at Columbia, will join us and Peter is producing two per year. There are now *twenty-seven* along this narrow strip of populated land.

Have reviewed some insurance claims for Medicare for Utah and also had the physician President of Utah Blue Cross-Blue Shield in my office last week. We would do well to police ourselves when it comes to the temptation to unbundle and code innovatively on these spine cases. Cages are being used increasingly locally.

Look forward to seeing all of you in Banff.

With best regards,



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Dear Bill,

James T. Robertson, M.D.

On the 1st of August 1995 I left practice with the Semmes Murphey Clinic but continued with my tenured professorship which I still hold at the University of Tennessee, Memphis, Department of Neurosurgery. My brother Jon has become the new Professor and Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery as of the 15th of January 1997. This occurred after a long and thorough search by a committee headed by the Chairman of Neurology, Dr. William Pulsinelli. Needless to say, I am very proud of the new professor.

Valeria has just completed her second year of a four year term in the Mississippi legislature and is doing an outstanding job. She is completely happy in this endeavor and is representing the 25,000 people of her district in an exemplary fashion.

I began to consult with Sofamor Danek Company here in Memphis on the 1st of October 1995 and have recently become the Medical Director. My duties mainly are involved in the review of clinical research and the establishment of clinical research centers in the United Kingdom. Since I've had a long relationship with the University of Bristol this was the first center that we established in 1996 and the clinical research is going well. We plan to establish four other centers. In addition to working for Danek I continue to be involved in basic research in the laboratory of the Department of Neurosurgery and still hold my tenured professorship.

The Robertson family will have the 11th grandchild in June and everyone is presently active and well. Please accept our best regards to all members of the Academy.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Academicians:

I can't tell you how surprised and elated Deborah and I were to have been notified that we had become members of the Academy. It was truly an unexpected delight to become a part of this organization.

As you know, we are in our third year at Thomas Jefferson University in the Neurosensory Institute and it has truly been an experience. I am in the process of training my first fellow in Interventional Neuroradiology, Dr. Jeffrey E. Thomas who was trained at USC by Dr. Marty Weiss. He is a super guy and we've been having a lot of fun. The plans are for him to continue on staff upon completing his fellowship training in Cerebrovascular Surgery and Interventional Radiology. Our hopes are to expand the neurosurgeons role in endovascular techniques as part of a comprehensive approach to neurovascular disease.

In terms of having a little fun, Deborah and I will be off again to do the Grand Canyon, one of our favorite places to spend some time together hiking and enjoying the scenery. We look forward to seeing everyone in Canada at the next meeting, and wish everyone well.

With very warm regards,

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Dear Bill:

This brief note is in response to your request for contributions to the Round Robin. As you and many other members of the Academy are aware, I've been at Southwestern since completing my service obligation in 1977. My sub-speciality interest is in the field of cerebrovascular disease, and over the last two decades we've been fortunate to develop a busy and varied practice in both hemorrhagic and ischemic conditions at the medical school, a practice whose volume now demands the full-time attention of three of our faculty members. With a new university hospital, a new neurosurgery out-patient facility and a faculty which has grown to nine despite the threats of managed care, things are gratifyingly busy in academic neurosurgery in Dallas. My wife, Patricia Bergen, also practices at Southwestern, where she pursues her interests in biliary disease, critical care, and surgical education as vice-chief of surgery at the Veteran's Medical Center and co-director of the general surgery training program. We have two boys, Daniel age seven and Gabriel age five, each of whom is blessed with both his mother's looks and intelligence, and to ostensibly accommodate their love of the outdoors we recently purchased a small farm in the Piney Woods about two hours southeast of Dallas. Having spent the best summers of my youth working on a little ranch, I suspect this investment may be more selfish than educational, but to date the boys and Patricia (born a city girl) can't seem to get enough of the country, and for me its a great break from the OR- ICU routine. It's a little too far to be on call, but I hear you don't have to do that in perpetuity.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

Thanks for your request for a Round Robin letter. I think that our Department is doing well, and professionally the year has been a good one. Peter Black continues to augment the faculty at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, and the case load there continues to go up. We have added two new junior faculty, Kim Harbaugh and Nicole Maoyari, and we are in the process of additions to our staff at the Children's Hospital as well. The Children's Hospital seems to have done fairly well in the managed care forum, and our case load continues to increase at a modest amount. We continue to be blessed with very gifted pediatric fellows who on graduating from the program have made real contributions to their own services; we are all proud of their accomplishments. I am not sure what the market will for pediatric neurosurgeons over the short-term, however, since most academic departments seem to be very tentative about their staffing requirements over the next year or two. Like other subspecialties, pediatric neurosurgery has not really grappled with the manpower issues, and I hope that we don't train more people than are needed. My practice continues to center on vascular disorders in children and the treatment of brain tumors and other congenital anomalies in pediatric patients. I have been trying to spend more time with Susan, shifting my daily schedule to an earlier starting time and an earlier closing time. It has worked well for a few months, and I hope that I can sustain it.

Our children are also flourishing. Susan's daughter, Heather, is an Intensive Care Unit nurse at the Children's Hospital here in Boston, and is doing a superb job. She was married this winter to a young man who works in the insurance business in Boston. The ceremony was held in a lovely church in Hingham, MA and I very much enjoyed being a step-father to the bride. My daughter, Elizabeth, is completing her second year as a nurse-midwife in New Haven, CT. She works at a clinic that serves a lower economic tier in New Haven, and unfortunately it seems to be more and more difficult for her to carry out the things that need to be done for

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her patients. I am trying to talk her into moving to the Boston area. My sons, Robert and David, continue in the music business. David will be beginning his final year in music studies (jazz) at the New School in New York City. I have been proud of his accomplishments there and his grades have been excellent. Robert continues to work temporary jobs in Boston and the Cape while he plays the piano at night wherever jobs are available. They all seem happy at what they are doing, which is a great comfort to Susan and me. Desiring more patient contact and a more predictable daily routine, Susan has left the neurosurgical operating rooms at the New England Medical Center and works in the otolaryngology clinics with a very gifted group of physicians and surgeons.

I don't know whether we will be able to make the trip to Banff this year, since we need to be in Europe at the end of that week for the International Pediatric Neurosurgical meetings in Italy. I will look forward to seeing the Round Robin in the fall.

Regards,



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Signed in RMS ABSENCE

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June 12, 1997

Dear Friends:

Neurosurgery meetings serve three important functions: Ken's opportunity to share the vast knowledge of his colleagues, to travel to wonderful places, and to enjoy the fellowship of our neurosurgical family. We have just returned from the Society meeting where we enjoyed fellowship and collegiality with many of you. Pittsburgh is a great city especially because of hosts like Peter and Diana Jannetta. Also, earlier this Spring, we were privileged to be invited to the Neurosurgical Society of America where they held their meeting in London and Cambridge. The trip was especially wonderful as we brought along our oldest daughter, Sue, and her husband, Mark, in celebration of her 40th birthday. Sue was especially excited to return to Oxford where she remembered a lot from her year there as a child in 1965.

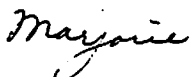
It will be only a short time and we will again travel, this time, to the international meeting in Amsterdam. We missed that meeting in Acapulco and both of us are really looking forward to this opportunity to experience the professional and personal aspects of the global community of neurosurgery. Ken and I count ourselves so fortunate to have many friends in this great "community". We'll also be seeing our AFS "son" in Switzerland and brother and sister-in-law who live in France. We will also go to our first French wedding. It will be a wonderful two weeks.

On the homefront, we're doing some work on our 85 year old house. The work (and bills) seem endless but we are already enjoying our renovated bathroom and really excited about the new sun room-greenhouse that is in progress. Surely by the time you all read this we will be able to welcome guests.

Our family continues to thrive - only one more grandchild has to undergo potty training and Corey has passed his initiation into high school with flying colors. The first generation have also experienced some milestones: Sue turned 40, Nancy got a Master's in Early Childhood Education and Patty is 1/3 through her Master's Degree study of realist art in New York. Ken will be happy to show off his drawing of the skull, her Father's Day present to him. The other great source of joy is that Ken's mother, at 86, is still planting her garden and managing her own house.

Ken and I are thankful for our opportunities to work and serve and treasure life.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

RE: Round Robin

The fall of 1996 brought a lot of new events to the Sonntag family. Stephen, our youngest, started kindergarten; Christopher started high school (a Jesuit Preparatory School); and Alissa flew the nest and began as a freshman at UCLA. Alissa finished high school with many honors and had three "coming out" balls with a very proud father presenting her at each and a proud family looking on.

The fall also brought another soccer season for our 6-year-old (Dad as the coach) and the coach thinks that he has gotten the players to understand that *this is the ball, we kick it with our feet, and we are going in that direction*. Basketball followed, and yes, the same teaching ensued except of course *we throw it with our hands (not kicking with our feet)*. Besides being active in basketball and soccer, the little fellow, Stephen, keeps us all hopping and is a total joy to have around.

Christopher started high school working his tail off and running cross-country for the team at school. He now has a job working for a nursery. School seems to be somewhat easier and he is getting good grades.

Lynne, as always, has been playing tennis for her club and committing herself to all kinds of volunteer organizations (ARCS-Achievement Rewards for College Scientists), Classroom Mom for Stephen's class, Desert Foundation Auxiliary, Science Museum, etc.—you get the idea.

On the professional side, as you all know, life as a neurosurgeon is topsy-turvy. The hospital (Mercy Healthcare Arizona) is in the process of merging with our previous biggest competitor (Samaritan Health Systems), but many obstacles have to be overcome. As I am sure is happening everywhere else, hospitals, doctor groups, HMOs, insurance companies, etc. all are jockeying, manipulating, and cajoling to capture the patient population—read dollars.

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Nonetheless, we continue to stay very busy, taking care of patients and teaching and learning from the residents and fellows, which keeps us mentally alert. Our three athletic events to keep the physical aspects tuned are coming up. First, the Olympics, then the Rim-to-Rim Grand Canyon Hike, followed by the Oak Creek Canyon "Hike-from-Hell" hike. It should be fun??

Personally, I am trying to work in our garden on weekends when I am home, continue jogging, and on occasion even look at my stamp collection. See you all soon in Banff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'VKHS', written in a cursive style.

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Dear Bill:

You'll be amazed at this prompt response of your 4/1/97 letter, however, now in the throws of retirement, I have a little bit of time to catch up on dictating before I am fully retired in June 1997.

I have thoroughly enjoyed a little bit of over 30 years of practice in neurological surgery and as chairman of various departments for 26 years. Enough is enough of course and it is time for the young people to take over of which they've done a splendid job here at our institution. Bob Solomon is now chairman and nominee and is working out the details of the position over the past almost one year.

I continue, however, in semi-retirement to help support my group through health insurance largess to them. In the past nine months I have had two disc surgeries, one for a chronic radiculopathy of the cervical region at C5/6 in June 1996 and a more recent one which unfortunately occurred with an L3/4 disc rupture the first day of helicopter skiing in the Canadian Rockies. This created almost a painless, but significant weakness of the left quadriceps that upon returning from this ski trip disaster I had an MRI and operation to remove the extruded disc from L3/4 on the left. The both of these operations were done by my associate, Dr. Paul McCormick, and I must say that the results have been excellent in both cases although I'm still working on regaining strength in the left quadriceps. The problem of course was that I missed almost the whole week of good skiing. This year in particular the snow was fantastic and it became very frustrating to me to sit in the lodge while all of my colleagues and my lovely wife were out enjoying the powder and tree skiing at the Bugaboos heli-skiing.

This past year has been primarily filled with enjoyable activities such as designing and building our dream house somewhat deeper into the state of New Jersey in a lovely area called Bernardsville, New Jersey. The house and barn which is a workshop from my automobile activities will be completed in the summer of 1997. We have had a superb

builder who is a hands on individual, a real artist, and the process has been nothing short of sheer pleasure. Additionally, I have been active in ice hockey, playing some myself, but helping to coach my son's team which operates on a year round basis. Charlie who is now seven years old is playing defense and on the last team in the fall and winter house league was the second highest scorer and that is pretty good from defense. It is a great joy to watch him develop in this sport and also watch him develop in skiing. The winter before he took home five gold medals in the Nastar ski races and this year raced in only one at the Snowbird Lendy winter neurosurgical meeting where he was the only individual of adults and children to win a gold medal in the Nastar race. We are quite proud of these winter activities and now have added to his list a little league experience which is due to start in April as well as karate and chess.

Being of ancient age now and having a seven year old is not the easiest thing in the world and one has to relearn at a different age level how to cope with a young person especially with the school activities. We've spent some interesting days in the principal's office and Charlie also has had lunch with Mr. Donnolly, the principal, at the local public school frequently. However, he maintains good scholastic grades and all of the other activities don't seem to overwhelm him much to our pride.

Following full retirement in June 1997, we will be moving to the new home. I have a wonderful workshop there to work on my ten sports cars, both Italian and British, and I'm looking forward to that activity as well as participating in the landscaping of our six and a half acres and sports activities with Charlie especially in ice hockey which is even more active in the new environs.

Regarding the September meeting at Banff Springs Hotel, we would like to make this but it is increasingly difficult without home aide to get away with Charlie in the school now to be in the third grade in September. Therefore, I'm not sure whether Benita and I will be able to make that meeting. Additionally, my trips to Banff which have been relatively frequent are generally in the winter so that we can go skiing, although I have been there in the summer and realize what a wonderful place it is especially for the golfers. In any event, if I don't make it to the meeting, a hearty hello to the group. Certainly we will have representatives there in the form of Donald Quest and Bob Solomon and my colleague Kal Post with whom I play tennis once a week.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,



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June, 1997.

Dear Academicians,

Astonishing how a year has gone by ! When we wrote our last epistle, Lindsay had just retired and we had moved out of London. It really seems so long ago! We have become quite absorbed in our life in Shalbourne, with so many activities in a flourishing rural community that one wonders quite where the time has gone. We have an active Theatre club, taking us to Bath, Salisbury or Newbury, and we still manage to get up to London pretty well once a month to the Theatre or the Opera. In addition, of course, there is an active local golf club full of Lindsay's old friends from Army and T.A. days.

Although Lindsay has set his face firmly against meetings, we were very glad to see some old friends when the Neurosurgical Society of America came for a joint meeting with the British society in Cambridge earlier in the year. Despite the obvious attractions of Banff, we will not make this year's meeting

We went to Uzbekistan at the end of May to visit the Mogul tombs, and were of course, impressed by the sights of Samarkand, Bokhara and Khiva. There is a great deal of restoration going on, funded partly by the Uzbek government and partly by U.N.E.S.C.O. The transience of fame was well exemplified by the statue in the central square of Tashkent, the plinth of which had borne in succession in this century Kaufmann, (Russian general), then Stalin, then Lenin, then Marx, and now that great civilising influence, Tamurlaine!

In August Pauline is singing with her choir in Prague, so Lindsay will be there as Mrs. Symon's husband. Of course, we will have to go, in July, to the World Congress in Amsterdam, as Lindsay will still be involved with Committees of the Federation for the last time.

Summer will end with our annual pilgrimage to Iona, and Lindsay's autumn pilgrimage to St. Andrews, although the spring meeting was far from a howling success, more of a howling gale. He remains a solid twelve!

The family continue to produce interest. Fraser is now freelancing, as a result of cuts in the B.B.C World Service, while Fiona is at present in the Middle East researching her own series of programmes. Rosemary is fully occupied with General Practice and the latest grandchild, now an assertive two year old.

We look forward to news of all our friends in the Round Robin, and hope that everyone has at last caught up with our change of address!

Our very best wishes to you all.

Lindsay & Pauline Symon



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Dear Dr. Buchheit:

RE: THE ROUND ROBIN

It is unfortunate that we missed the Greenbriar meeting and that I will be in Brazil attending the Academia Brasileira de Neurocirurgia in Goiania at the time of the Banff meeting. The past year has been one of the busiest I can remember but maybe it just seems that way as we get older. A lot of time has been required for editing, with Phil Gildenberg, of the Textbook of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery which McGraw-Hill hopes will be on the shelves in June 1997 or soon after. I look forward eagerly to seeing it in print but with some angst about whether the neurosurgical community will find it up to expectations.

The other prime event in our lives is that I plan to retire from the Toronto Hospital staff June 30, 1998 after 37 years, an event that requires some adjustments. But it has been such a satisfactory 37 years that Mary plans to mark it in an unusual way. She outlines her plan below.

The Second Arctic Stereotactic Conference is being planned to take place in Pond Inlet at the top of Baffin Island for June 6, 7, 8, 1998. There will be an international academic programme as well as a celebration of Ronald Tasker's life work at the time of his retirement. Other activities such as fishing, floe edge seal "hunt", hike from Broughton Island to Pangnirtung, trip to Greenland can be arranged for the energetic and adventurous spirits.

The First Arctic Workshop was organized by Laurie Laitinen on June 20-July 3, 1986 in Umeå, Sweden and at Utsjoki in Finnish Lapland and was a resounding success. We thought it high-time to have a second one.

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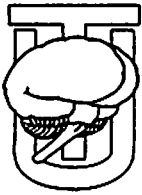
Plan to come, enjoy this beautiful high Arctic site, present a paper and join in our celebration. Details will be forthcoming from my office.

Yours sincerely,



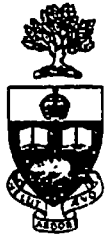
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Dear Dr. Buchheit:

RE: Round Robin

This has been an absolutely astoundingly busy academic year. The Metropolitan Toronto area has only one medical school and the Division of Neurosurgery at the University of Toronto encompasses 24 faculty, and almost as many residents. It has been a huge job to be Chairman of this group, but an extremely rewarding one. Our faculty and residents continue to do extremely well on the basis of many academic benchmarks including grants from peer-reviewed agencies, publications, and honours and awards. In the latter category, one of the outstanding events of the year was the awarding of the AANS Van Wagenen Fellowship to Dr. Zelma Kiss, a 6th year resident in our program. She is an excellent clinician and researcher and has been a wonderful resident to teach. Thus, being Chairman of this auspicious group has its rewards. The system at the University of Toronto allows one individual to be Chair for a maximum of 10 years, and I look forward to my remaining 2 years at the helm.

The government has continued to intrude into the affairs of Canadian medicine in general, particularly in the province of Ontario where the government from time to time has been very authoritarian and autocratic in its negotiations with the medical profession. Indeed, we had to take the drastic step of "limited strike action" last fall in order to bring the government back to the negotiating table. In our system, there is one single payer for all doctor's bills and all hospital bills, and that is the provincial government. The government unilaterally decided to claw back payments for medical fees and then withdrew entirely from the negotiation process. The obstetricians were the most effective in protesting, although all specialists ultimately refused to see any new patients in their office's during the fall. Finally, after several weeks of major inconvenience to the public, the government capitulated and returned to the negotiating table. My advice to U.S. doctors is never let the government have the degree of power over health care that we in Canada have given them (more correctly, they have taken).

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When many of you read this, hopefully you will be planning your trips to Banff for the Annual Meeting. Banff is a jewel and we hope that as many of you as possible can participate in the meeting. We expect members of the Canadian Neurosurgical Society to be present in reasonable numbers at this joint meeting.

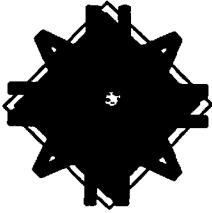
Carol continues to be a university faculty member in the Department of Anthropology at York University in Toronto. Her teaching responsibilities will likely prevent her from accompanying me to Banff. Carol was in a major car crash in Detroit in May and survived with only bruises to most of her body. She was forced off the road by an aggressive madman, and her car rolled over and was completely destroyed. Her life was saved by the seatbelt and the airbag, and so we are grateful for the privilege of life made possible by modern technology. The event has made me think all the more that neurosurgeons should strongly support Think First.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Academicians:

Has it been a year already? It has been a whirlwind, but life is good. July 20 will mark my one year anniversary to my beautiful bride, Jill. I have never been happier!

Our sons Glen and Lee are busy with their own lives. Glen, our artist, still lives in New York City and we look forward to a visit from him this summer. Lee lives in Lexington. Our second set of children Barry and Britini have kept our evenings booked with baseball games this spring. A new experience for me, but I am adjusting quite well.

In April at the AANS Annual Meeting in Denver I had the honor of being nominated as President-Elect of the AANS. Needless to say, I will not have a dull moment for the next couple of years, but I very much look forward to this role. My partners have been very gracious in allowing me to take the time out of our very busy practice to serve in this capacity.

I have recently completed a couple of "advanced" motorcycle classes which has given me much more confidence in riding. One of those was riding through the beautiful mountains of Georgia and North Carolina. Jill and I have enjoyed riding very much. We also hope to log some time with the family at the houseboat this summer, between baseball games, neurosurgery practice, and AANS commitments.


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Dear Dr. Buchheit:

The year has been a busy one as I am nearing the completion of work Earl left at the time of his death. His final manuscript is with a publisher now and, hopefully, next year a book will be available for purchase. I do need to come up with a title but that will eventuate soon. One last project -- a web page for the computer -- is in progress after many "go arounds". Help from some colleagues will bring this to fruition. All of this takes an inordinate amount of time and energy yet satisfaction follows.

The University of New Mexico Medical School has recently announced that an annual neuroscience research award honoring Earl for his past work at UNM and the medical community will be given. This really pleases me as the Dean of the Medical School made this decision and it was unanimously and joyously acknowledged by the faculty.

Between work and family matters, travel was on my agenda. Las Vegas (and, I lost!) Guatemala (a buying trip with a friend), Honolulu and a Caribbean cruise (with my twin sister) offered the diversion I sought. Foreign ports of call continue to beckon me, however, I sometimes wonder what the future holds as the millennium approaches and the US geo-political climate changes.

With all good wishes,



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Dear Bill:

The following is my contribution to Round Robin, 1997. Since our last contribution to Round Robin, life has continued its steady pace. We have another grandchild who is growing like a weed following correction of a patent ductus. The best part of settling into Texas is the opportunity to spend more time with the grandchildren.

I continue to balance the separate practices of law and neurosurgery. This past Spring, I completed my second Spring semester teaching a course, *Medical Practice And The Law*, at the University of Texas School of Law in Austin. The class enrollment went from 27 in 1996 to 61 this year. Believe me, the experience is quite different than medical school. I began my year in May as President of the Texas Association of Neurological Surgeons and I am looking forward to the annual meeting to be held in Austin.

This spring we took a long planned trip to Southern Africa visiting several game reserves and taking a lot of photographs. The highlight of the trip was an afternoon and evening in Capetown with Kay and Jeanne de Villiers. They are both healthy and staying active and send their regards to the members of the Academy.

We were disappointed we could not attend the Academy meeting last year but we are looking forward with great anticipation to this years meeting.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

Life at the University of Chicago is settling into somewhat of a routine for me now as I come up to the 5th anniversary of my arrival here. The faculty that I inherited from Sean is unchanged, with the exception of Loch Macdonald and David Frim whom I recruited. Loch received his neurosurgical training in Toronto and David at MGH and the Boston Children's. They both bring unique surgical talents and traditions to us and I am delighted with their activities. We are also in the midst of another recruitment and I must say I was very impressed by the quality of the applicants. I am not sure I would like to be finishing my training today and trying to find a good academic position since the cold winds of the economic hard times are having such an adverse effect on the availability of academic positions. Like many of you, I am trying to maintain our research program in the face of declining assets to support it. At this time, we are on tenderhooks waiting to find out if my RO-1 grant will be renewed. I also am waiting for the result of our residency review. My affect could therefore move sharply upwards or downwards, depending on these external evaluations.

Chicago is a highly competitive neurosurgical environment. I am deluged on an almost daily basis with glowing tributes to the skills of my competition (written by themselves) but must confess that my own institution is also an active participant in self-aggrandizement and the application of Madison Avenue techniques to medical care. Life was certainly simpler and I believe better in the old days when such behavior was considered to be unethical. Publicize-or-perish seems to have replaced publish-or-perish.

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I am in the final agonizing phase of writing a monograph on subarachnoid hemorrhage which, I hope, will see the light of day in a few months. Writing a book is a bit like having a baby, the memory of the pain of the first fades to the point where one can be seduced into starting another.

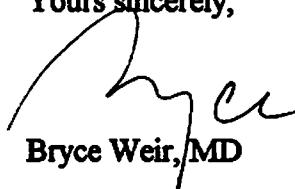
My former colleagues at the University of Alberta Department of Surgery have invited me back to participate in the Department's 75th Anniversary Celebration this fall. We are also looking forward to returning to Alberta on the occasion of the Academy Meeting.

On the family side, Mary Lou and I will be going to Scotland for a brief visit in a couple of weeks so that I can attend some surgical meetings in Edinburgh. I will take advantage of the occasion to visit two aunts in their 90s and some cousins. I also hope to do a round on the Turnberry golf course.

My son is finishing high school at the University of Chicago Laboratory School currently and will be going to my alma mater, McGill, this fall to take Business. He will be joining our daughter who is there currently taking Arts. My eldest daughter, her husband, and my 2 grandchildren are emigrating in geographic reverse from Alberta to Nova Scotia this summer. It will give us a good reason to visit that beautiful part of the world more frequently. The Weir family is having a reunion this summer to mark the 50th anniversary of our arrival in the New World.

Some close friends are now beginning to retire and some, alas, have died of late. It makes me more aware of the fact that I am closer to the finish than the start line. I am grateful I still have the energy to be in the race for a while longer.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

Have not written in awhile, but at the Tucson meeting I was taken aback by some of the derogatory remarks about the Round Robin. Primarily in my opinion based on greed or largely the age old political debate between surgeons and internists. The meeting as usual was stimulating. In particular some of the sage clinical comments from those colleagues who stand tall in Neurological Surgery on the basis of age. What a pleasure to commiserate with them: almost like the old Harvey Cushing Society and the scatterbrained Neurosurgical Research Club.

Be that as it may I still maintain my interest in Neuroscience even though my Neurosurgical efforts in pain and seizure disorders have dwindled to the fringe areas of Artificial Intelligence. Margie continues to captain her Tennis team. Both of us more than anything else are interested in making our grandchildren proud. Henry is retired from the Signal Corp to do independent contracting, Leanna is retired from Detailing for Meade Johnson to become a fulltime mother and Britt is still foraging ahead in Hotel Marketing.

What else can I say that's newsy? I still teach in the Elderhostel Odyssey program at the University of South Alabama: the Decade of the Brain as seen through the eyes of a retired College Professor. I was pleased to have been a Delegate this past year with Merwyn Bagan in the People to People Neurological Surgery program in Nepal and Tibet (an eyeopener for anyone interested in Residency training). Further, I'm looking at a painting on my wall done by Joan Kelly in the 60's after listening to Bill Kelly and me lament about Academic University issues and Medical Education. The enclosed poem from a few years later expresses her artistic vision.

Bill, I hope this note finds you, Molli and the family in good fiddle and my best to all of my colleagues in the Academy. I remain-

Very sincerely yours:



Lowell E. White, Jr.

ACADEMIC TENURE

**From the murky
room of academia
The bright light of
scholarship fills the hall
To cross the threshold
for search and light
Requires publication and
needles plight
To preserve the right to
THINK**

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Dear Academicians,

It's almost unbelievable that enough time has passed to require another entry into the Round Robin. On the other hand, it's not too hard to believe. Much has happened in our lives.

Last year I wrote about the small, uninsulated A-frame we bought on the coast of Fidelgo Island, gateway to the San Juan Islands. It took a couple of months of weekend work to make the 500 square foot cabin livable, and for a year afterwards we spent every possible weekend and vacation day there enjoying the panoramic high-bank waterfront view into the Straits of Juan de Fuca and the southern tip of Lopez Island. This spring the 25 year-old structure was torn down to be replaced with a 2500 sq. ft. house. Construction will take about a year to complete. The plans include in-floor radiant heat which will be supplemented during the winter months by roof-mounted solar collectors. This way, when we arrive on a wintry Saturday morning (unlike the unheated cabin, which could have an ambient temperature below freezing), the house will at least be in the low 50s. More than comfort, having a home will allow friends to join us for weekends.

Lily continues to work for the Swedish Hospital Foundation on fund raisers. The unforeseen death of our beloved German Shepherd, Nikki, hit her very hard, leaving more time and less structure to her days. She has turned this into increased Foundation work, becoming their only non-paid full-time employee. She has enjoyed a great deal of success in this endeavor and her efforts have been greatly appreciated by the hospital.

Our lifestyle has changed in other facets. After Nikki's death, we sold our three-story house and bought a condo in a new downtown Seattle high-rise. The location is one block from the northeast corner of the Pike Place Market, a downtown tourist landmark with curb-side performers and fish-throwing vendors. Within short walking distance are numerous excellent restaurants, jazz clubs, and cinemas. Being on the 21st floor, we have a 180° westward view into the harbor and the Olympic mountains. I've always wanted to try this style of living. We both find it suits us well.

My literary career is still sucking wind. I had great hopes when Norton Publishing kicked my last novel up to the level of senior editor, but they passed on it. My agent continues to encourage me with all the known clichés that I'll spare you. On the way to work today I heard of a previously unknown high school teacher who won a Pulitzer Prize with his first novel (not just his first novel -- his first attempt). Go figure!

The practice continues to be strong in the face of Managed Care. I have no complaints.

Allen R. Wyler

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Dear Bill:

This is for the Round Robin. It has been a pretty exciting year in Boston. As this is written we were hit by three feet of snow on April Fool's Day. So much for spring! The Neurosurgical Service marches along. We have just now completed the Northeast Proton Center which is the outgrowth of the pioneering work of Bill Sweet and Ray Kjellberg at the Harvard Cyclotron. Now we will have three proton rooms dedicated to radiosurgery and fractionated surgery. We have added three young staff members and are now eleven strong. We were joined by Jay Loeffler who is at the forefront of Radiosurgery and was one of the prime people to bring Linnac Radiosurgery to its current level.

This will be the first Academy meeting I will miss since 1968. I will be making my way through Australia unfortunately and not back in time for the meeting. These are now pretty exciting times in Boston with managed care and all the things it has done to medicine. Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital are coming together quite well although both hospitals are fairly full if not overflowing with patients, as more and more of the ill seek to come to major medical centers for the treatment of severe illness. This accounts for growth rather than a decline in neurosurgical volume at both institutions.

Sorry to miss seeing everyone this year but hope to be there in 1998.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick'.

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