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Dear Academicians

Linda and I had expected to see all of you at Williamsburg in a few months, but due to an unanticipated family affair we will not be there. Thus this belated and rather hurried letter. Professionally this has been a rather quiet year. I continue to work full time and enjoy it; Linda continues as an emerita, but still seeing patients, continuing her research and writing papers. Our Department has been running smoothly under Rich Ellenbogen's able acting chairmanship, without last year's excitement. The search for a permanent chairman is finally showing signs of progress. However, our lives have undergone a major change, from the relative quiet of having all the children and our two grandsons living at distant locations, to the increased involvement that comes with having two of our children, with one of the grandsons within commuting distance. Our oldest son, Jeff, was recruited from his faculty position at Washington University in St Louis, to the neurosurgical faculty here at the University of Washington as an Associate Professor of Pediatric Neurosurgery; he and his family moved to Seattle two months ago. Our daughter Ann (Rowe) completed her Emergency Medicine Residency at the University of Arizona in July; she and her husband then moved to Leavenworth Washington, a Cascade mountain town two and a half hours from Seattle. So we now see much more of both families. Our other son, Steve and his family remain in Denver, at least for now, where Steve is on the University of Colorado neurosurgical faculty. Thus we still support the airlines, too, though not quite to the extent of last year. We are traveling a bit professionally as well: to Toulouse France a year ago for the European Stereotaxic Meeting, and in another month to Hawaii where I will be the first recipient of the Cloward metal of the Western Neurosurgical Society, then on to Numberg Germany for a retirement festschrift for a neurologist who was a research trainee in our Department many years ago. Retirement festschrifts and 50 year reunions (Linda and I have that for our high-school graduations this year) seem to be recurring features of this stage of our careers. Best wishes for a great meeting.

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