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*O'Connell*

Dear Bill,

It was such a joy to meet you personally during my brief visit to Los Angeles, and I still remember with pleasure and appreciation the lovely yellow roses. But you have always been most generous and thoughtful, even before we met personally. Now Maggie tells me that you will undergo surgery. I am very distressed that you have to experience this ordeal but at the same time the prospect of your being free of pain and back trouble, which Maggie tells me is almost certain to follow, is very gratifying. Also, you will get an enforced rest! I suspect that you would not have enough mercy on yourself to take one voluntarily. Bill, dear, I know it will be successful, and all my thoughts will be with you. Please take the very best care of yourself, everyone needs you back as soon as possible. All my love,