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Dear Bill,

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It happens that we were lunching at Hana's day before yesterday when we saw your package delivered and knew it was from you when he brought a glass to show us ^{and} ~~was~~ told us of your nice letter with it. And we were hardly more than home when our package came, this time will all intact. As these for the McKnights appear to ~~be~~. I left them as they were. Be easier and safer for Jerry to carry them ~~home~~ home that way. I doubt I'll see Jerry this week from the kind of week he said it would be when he was here last week but ~~next~~ next week is not a bad one for him. I'm sure they'll appreciate these nice souvenirs, as we do. Lil washed them and set them aside until she can make room for them. Which leads to this brief report: when our ophthalmologist came for me after he removed her second cataract yesterday morning his face looked like he owned the horse who I hope wins for you Saturday. That broad smile never left ^{his} ~~he~~ face through all the walk the entire width of the hospital plus some length for corridors at an angle with each other. And the first thing he said after he answered my question, how ~~did~~ it go by saying very well was to exclaim, "I've given you a new lady! She ^{!!!} not have to wear those thick glasses any more!" We'll get the results of his observations and testing of her this morning when I have ~~to~~ her there at 9:30 for him to remove the protective patch with which she left the operating room. She was a bit ~~un~~stead when I got her home and was very tired, in part because she was up much of the night before. ~~As~~ I was also but for different reasons that had me also very tired. He told her ~~if~~ she needed something not to take ~~aspirin~~ aspirin, to take tylenol. I'm not allowed to take aspirin for a different reason so when I went to my tylenol, which I never have to take but sometimes those who are here do, I found it was two years out of date! So, she ^o ~~took~~ that and it seemed to help. She seems to have slept well so it looks good.

There was no editing at all on Case open! Not a bit! All they did ^e ~~was~~ eliminate most chapters by far and of those not eliminate ^d one or two were just cut off part of the way through them. The first part needed editing to eliminate unnecessary duplication. The comments I've gotten, and they range from a couple to as many as about six a day, are all good, very good or better. But who can ~~tell~~ what sale that represents? There is much that I fear will turn reviewers off and perhaps eliminate some reviews that might have been considered. No call yet from any reviewer or reporter.

What kept me awake the night before last was one of the few calls for which Lil would wake me, from the dear friend of my youth who had been after me to write an autobiography. He was excited by the book and wanted to get some for friends. He did not realize I do not have them. But it got me wide awake and thinking about much, too much. The third of the trio of us who were close as kids, a rabbi, sent me copies of six letters he'd written various magazine editors calling the book to their attention! Thanks and now I ^{must} get to other things.

Harold