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Dear Fletch,

How I would love to be able to walk a mile with or without a dog!

This morning I spent 10 minutes with a grocery cart and had to call it quits, and at that + rested some of the time.

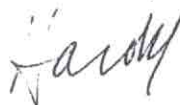
I developed anemia after December, when the tests were normal. It was discovered when I was in the hospital two months ago. I just learned today that when the prescription was phoned to the pharmacy it was told to instruct me to take one iron supplement a day when it should have said two. So, my anemia has not improved. And I'm much weaker.

My heart bypasses went well but one in the left thigh was botched. That is what has since then curtailed how much I can walk at a time.

I'm getting near the end of a manuscript on the Commission's lawyers.

In fact, I've written this in the few minutes before having to first soak and then air my legs rather than continue with the ms.

Thanks and best wishes,



Before I could go over this for errors I was hospitalized locally for two days and then ambulated to John Hopkins for another 24 days.

Still rather tired. This is my fifth day home.

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Dear Harold,

I know I do not have to tell you; but trying to do some writing and then to keep up with correspondence is not too easy. Sorry I got behind; but I have been busy...not just writing but keeping up with the chores that are inevitable.

My son and I decided that a 45-50 foot White Oak that borders our driveway has to come down. A huge root it has grown is right across the drainage ditch that is so necessary to permit the water to flow from the patio and down the driveway to the street. So it's gotta go. We have about half of the big branches down, and hope to do the rest soon.

In the meantime, I have been hoping your health has been better than it was on April 4th when you wrote. I haven't put the number 80 on the scoreboard yet; but at least I am in my 80th year. I can appreciate that the few extra years you carry simply add to the burden. I trust that your specialists are helpful.

I have mixed emotions about specialists. Once in a while they really ring the bell. I had a back operation in 1990 that was the most successful operation I ever had. But, by the end of 1990, I had had a by-pass job done and it was a mess.

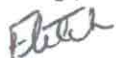
To get to better things, how is the new manuscript going? I look forward to seeing it. My 1992 book has just come out in paperback.

I very much approve of your advice re the By-Pass, i.e. "WALK". I have a little Spaniel and he and I are out for a mile or so, three times a day. Keeps both of us in trim. Walking is so important.

Well, a family health problem (wife's sister) is requiring us to travel to Florida next week. I do very little traveling these days; but this is unavoidable. So we'll be on the road until June 19th or 20th.

I hope things are better for you and that you are able to keep up your long-time, most productive pace. Thanks again for the note.

Sincerely,


L. Fletcher Prouty