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Dear Steve,

Getting your card was a multiple pleasant surprise. We see your attractive family for the first time and I'd wondered if I'd done or said something that offended you because we did not hear from you for so long. (Your little girl seems to be a free spirit and your boy seems to have grown surprisingly much.)

Thanks for your hopes about our health. When we have accumulated 173 years between us we are lucky just to be here. In the past 13 months Lil had four major operations in six weeks and after pneumonia I was lost in a so-called nursing home for three months, half the time Lil vegetated there. Beginning then I've been in kidney dialysis three days a week, or for about 18 hours each week for the rest of my life.

But we are lucky to be here still, grateful for it, and no matter how hard it is for us to get around (more for Lil than for me), it is great to be able to do that.

The unpublished book manuscripts must now be at least 25 and I've plans for more but at a much slower pace.

Hope that you can get time to come out when the Sox are in Baltimore, and that we are still here to greet you.

Best wishes to all of you,

Steve

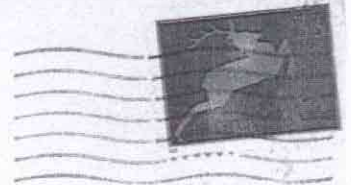


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THE AUGUSTS
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