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Dear Charles,

No, we are not insulted. But my wife had the same concern when I asked her what we were in a position to send as a "thank you." She said you can't pay for acts of friendship, and that was not my intent. I merely wanted something more than my saying "thanks" to convey that we really do appreciate these acts of friendship. Of which we have been the beneficiaries of many.

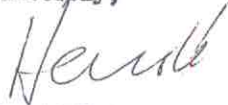
I suppose that perhaps because there have been so many who over so many years have been helpful that I look for ways, no matter how small, to let people know that the thanks are sincere.

Thinking about this I was reminded that although when I was able to travel I often slept on a mattress on the floor, I was also the house guest of a millionaire, with a live-in staff, who had been a JFK lady friend the last time I was in your part of the country. After I left there a Billionaire wanted a favor. He paid for my plane ticket to where he was and no more. I would accept no more. And from there I went to New Orleans, where that mattress was on the floor.

It means much to us to be able to keep the books available so, obviously, it means much that you(pl) are doing that for us on two of them.

Many thanks, hope your leg is now better, and that we all have a good year.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg