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Dear Don,

Two weeks in the hospital delayed my thanking you for your note. I was discharged yesterday so I did not spend my 83rd birthday, today, in the hospital.

No final diagnosis but the original one of congestive heart failure is abandoned.

Bill Bell, chief of hematology at Hopkins, is the best anywhere. Besides being a first-rate human being.

Melville Williams, who I see every six months on my legs, also seems to be a remarkably fine doctor.

I'm glad you have them. They are the best you can get.

I do hope you walk regularly. The importance of it can't be exaggerated.

Coumadin is the special name for what got famous as a rat poison, warfarin.

People like us are alive because cows love sweet clover that spoiled even though when they eat it it kills them.

Our medication is a byproduct of that work funded by the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation.

After which it was named.

Glad you are doing well.

Best wishes,

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Dear Harold

Many, many thanks for the note you sent to Shirley regarding my health.

Your experience with blood clots sounds very similar to mine. To be on the safe side I asked John Hopkins for a second opinion. It appears that my legs were clogged on an airplane ride.

Anyway, I am doing just fine (on coumadin) and hope that it doesn't recur.

Tom Peterson