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3/16/81

Dear Walt,

I'd like to be able to get to the class reunion and see friends and associates of the past but I don't think I'll be able to.

Last fall I had a plastic artery inserted from the groin to the left knee. The day I was discharged blood clots broke loose. Additional surgery could not reach all of them. Those still below the ankle give me some trouble. I can't drive for more than a few minutes at a time. I can't keep the legs down and I can't stand still. I can walk only a little before having to stop and elevate the legs. The longest trip I've made since the surgery is back to Georgetown for checkups. The one a week ago didn't tire me, as they did previously. I'm hoping that going to my high school class 50th reunion 12 days later, for which I've made arrangements, won't be too much.

I'd like to be able to get there. (I was also in the class of '35 until I switched from engineering to arts and science.) I remember Milton Smith well but don't recall Austin McCullough, probably because I drank from time to time with Milton and not with McCullough. I'm sure I'd remember him if I saw him.

If anyone were willing to go to the extra trouble of picking me up, it would be about an hour extra in driving time, about 45 minutes to here from the Beltway and about 15 minutes longer from here to Baltimore. Well no, because he'd hit the Baltimore Beltway from here in less than an hour and then would be all the way up to Exit ~~16~~ 16. It would probably take less time from here to there than from the River Road exit to there.

If anyone would be kind enough to do the extra driving I'd appreciate it but I can't say whether I'd be up to it until closer to May 2. If Milton or anyone else would be willing there is expressway to the Holiday Inn in Frederick and we are about 10 minutes from there. ~~On~~ On maps this means we are about 10 minutes from where Route 40 West leaves the expresswa

Can you tell me any more about it? How long, where, etc. Would I be able to have the back seat to myself so I can sit sideways and keep my legs up?

I'm still getting used to these new limitations, which may or may not persist for the rest of my life. Until this surgery, even after venous thrombosis in 1975, I have been active and vigorous. I took care of five acres myself, even providing us with our firewood beginning with the 1975 energy crisis. As recently as the week before the surgery, when I was hospitalized at Georgetown overnight for an arteriogram, I had no trouble walking from there, 3800 Reservoir Road, to downtown Washington to meet my ~~ride~~ ^{ride} home the morning after the puncturing of the artery. So it is an adjustment for me!

If I don't get to go, my best to all of you - and thanks for reminding me.

Best wishes,

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Dear Harold;

Bill Means wrote and asked if I would contact several members of the class of '36 with regard to the 45th reunion on May 2, 1981. Undoubtedly, it would be rewarding to return to network and visit with friends and associates of years ago and I urge you to do so. Other class members that I am contacting are Austin M. Cullough and Milton Smith. Austin lives in Vienna and Milton in Falls Church.

My plans are indefinite. We put our home on the market today and plan to move south if and when we sell. Obviously, if we sell in the next 6 weeks I won't be going to the reunion. Otherwise I might.

Sincerely
Walt
Walter M. Kendrick