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Dear Jim:

Your letter arrived this morning.

Harold's surgery was performed on Tuesday and I saw him Wednesday for a short while. He looked good and was sitting in a reclining chair when we got there. While apparently the surgery was more extensive than he anticipated, he is not suffering any great discomfort, so little that he has not resorted to any painkillers. While we were there he managed to make three (assisted) trips to the bathroom, at first shuffling along and on the third trip able to lift his foot slightly from the floor. While he had had a slight fever on Tuesday night, by Wednesday that was gone. According to Jim Lesar's information, the repair was made by a dacron graft.

Because there was no bed available in the surgical ward, he is remaining in the constant care section of the intensive care wing where by having a phone plugged in he can make outgoing calls but can't get any incoming ones, which is somewhat frustrating. The only way we can speak is by his placing a reverse call. But if he continues improving as much as he has to now, he should be home by the middle of next week.

The itinerary for your China trip sounds fascinating. I am glad it includes Peking.

We are sorry that you were unable to come this far when you visited the Wrones but are happy that you had such a nice visit with them. The kids are marvelous.

Best wishes for your health and a happy and interesting trip.

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