

Dear Mom,

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Please excuse the haste and brevity but I want to write this note before we go out to supper because tomorrow is going to be a busy day.

I was back at Georgetown Hospital for the checkup today and Dr. Hufnagle is pleased with the leg and thigh but would have liked the swelling in the ankle area to have been reduced more.

He told me to be as active as I think I can be. Right now that won't be very active, but I will be doing more.

I don't have to go back for a month.

I don't know if I told you when we spoke, but about a month or so ago, more than a month after the last operation, my left thigh swelled up some, at the top and to the side of the operation and the plastic artery. The local doctor thought it might be from the surgery, even if a month after it. To take no chances Dr. Hufnagle put me on penicillin for a while, even though there was no fever, to fight any possible infection. There was none but the swelling hasn't gone down, either. Dr. Hufnagle today said it is nothing to worry about, that it may stay that way for a while longer.

I feel the same. No real trouble of any kind, only that I can't get around as much or as well and I'm rather tired most of the time. But I guess these will improve with time and more activity.

Nothing else new. When the weather got ^{real} hot and too sticky we just remained in the house, with the air conditioners on, and we got along fine. What shopping and errands we had we could take care of in the morning, before the sun caused more heat. So we've made out OK despite the high temperatures and humidity, except for a couple of sinus headaches I had.

Hope all is going well with all of you.

Our love,

P.S. Heard from Joe Cottler.

They are OK, but his wife, who had been working too much, got six months off and that spoiled them. They rented a cottage in Israel, were two hours out on the plane, and she was taken ill. Two days in the hospital wherever the plane first landed in Europe, then home and successful surgery in the lung area. He told me what it is called but I forgot. But they are well and happy. I'm sure he is happier than in years.