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Dr. Fred W. Rankin
Security Trust Building
Lexington, Kentucky

My dear Dr. Rankin:

Have just learned of your great honor in being elected President of the American Medical Association. I know of no one more deserving of this, the highest office in the medical profession of the world.

While those of us who have been privileged to know you have wondered how soon this great tribute would come to you, it is indeed gratifying to know that your exalted place in the medical profession, your unequaled surgical skill, your immortal contributions to the surgical literature, your grand personality and your rare leadership have been recognized in your being chosen to lead us in these difficult times.


The American Medical Association is to be congratulated in having you at its helm.

I know your duties will be arduous but please take good care of yourself for we will need you and your counsel for many, many years to come.

With best wishes and heartiest congratulations, I am

Sincerely yours,

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