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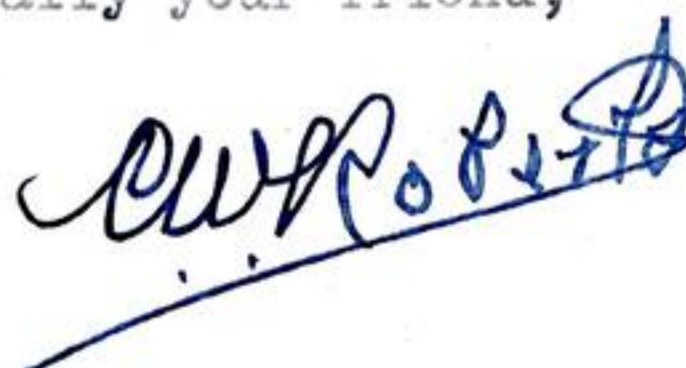
Dear Fred:

Your elevation to the office of President-Elect of the American Medical Association is a well deserved recognition of your diverse achievements in many fields of human endeavor. Among these are renown in the Science and Art of surgery and an enviable position, long enjoyed, in organized medicine--achieved through the assertion of a dynamic personality. But in writing to commit to record my congratulations and best wishes which were inadequately expressed in person, I want to commend a quality which has endeared you to a host of friends and which I believe will give you entree to the hearts of the rank and file of your countrymen as you go about as the head of American medicine. I have reference to the human quality of unstilted friendliness. Such an attitude levels all barriers and makes all the world our kindsmen.

Of course, we of the South feel a peculiar pleasure because one of our own kind has been so signally honored. My own pride is boosted a notch through the triple realization that an old friend, a fellow alumnus and an unreconstructed rebel has scaled the topmost rung of world medicine.

With all good wishes for your health and happiness and looking forward with keen anticipation of working with you,

Cordially your friend,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. W. Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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