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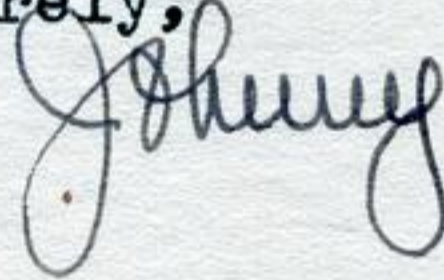
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Dr. Fred L. Rankin
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Dear Fred:

May I add my congratulations to those of your many friends in and out of the American Surgical Association on this latest distinction which you have received by being elected President at the meeting in Quebec. It is indeed a high honor and I can well imagine how it warmed the cockles of your heart.

Sincerely,



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