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600 SOUTH KINGSHIGHWAY

July 9, 1948

Dear Fred:

I am pretty late in congratulating you on being made President of the American Surgical Association for next year but I still believe that it is better late than never.

I take great pride in the fact that I was a member of the nominating committee which proposed you for your job. Also I take pride in the fact that I have valued more than I can tell you my friendship with you over the many years.

We were all sorry that you were not at the meeting in order to show your face with a surprised expression on it and to stutter out some platitudes after you had been led up to the platform in the usual way.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

EVARTS A. GRAHAM

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