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SURGICAL DEPARTMENT

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Dr. Fred W. Rankin  
271 W Short Street  
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Fred:

In order to let you know how far behind at times I am about what's happening to my friends and to surgical progress, only yesterday did I find out that the American Surgical Association had done the sensible thing about electing a new president.

As you might have heard, I had a coronary about three years ago, and since then going has been pretty hard for me because I don't want to stay quiet and the slightest unusual activity gets my breath, however, I did not want to write you about my own complaints.

I wanted to let you know how happy I am that this great honor has come your way. You certainly deserve it and you are an honor to our Society.

With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely your friend,

*Hugh H. Trout*

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