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Dear Dr. Rankin:

We missed you at the Southern Surgical. I inquired of you from Henry Hurst, who told me of your illness.

I told Henry that you had always been exceedingly gracious to me, even though my opportunities to work with you had been relatively few. I told him, moreover, that I felt that you had been one of the really great influences in my professional career, and that I felt that no young man could have come in contact with you without taking away a part of you into himself. Such an influence is enduring and indestructible.

Having said these things to someone else, I found that I wanted to say them directly to you. I hope that by this time you are feeling much better.

Sincerely
Bob Sparkman