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Dear Pete:

Under separate cover I am sending you, by U.S. Parcel Post through the APO, a small token of my appreciation of and thanks for your many courtesies to me while I was your house guest in Frankfurt during March. This gift will, I hope, be used sufficiently frequently to serve as a reminder of my having been with you and the only thing I could possibly have wished were different during my visit would have been the state of your health. I do hope that by this time you have fully recovered from the digestive disturbance which you bore with such fortitude during my stay. I realize that you must have been exceedingly uncomfortable most of the time, but despite this you were a most gracious host.

I had instructed my friend in Switzerland to ship the thing directly to you but somehow he got confused and it was brought to me by Colonel Burris who was here for a short visit and may still be around.

I am sure that you are aware of my having come a cropper on 3 April which landed me in George Washington University Hospital by ambulance and kept me there a full month. But I have been home for ten days and am now allowed to get up and get dressed, although I am still confined to the second floor. Within a few days we hope to have our new elevator installed and in operating condition. This will make it very much easier for Elizabeth who has to cart things up endless numbers of times and then down again via that long flight of stairs in the front of the house. The elevator is being installed where the back staircase used to be. This improvement is a bit expensive but it may pay for itself if it will mean my remaining among those present for a few years. (Miss Noxtine objects to my saying what I just said but I see no reason for not being a bit realistic about the situation.)

Please let me hear from you soon as I am anxious to know about the state of your health. With best regards, I am,

Affectionately yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN