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Dr. Ray W. Pettengill
1635 Walnut Avenue
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Pettengill:

My husband and I greatly appreciate your very prompt note in salute to us for winning the Folger award. We were struck with astonishment at how fast news travel when we realized that you had, in Florida, received the newspaper clipping from George McCracken in Iowa.

I hope that your problems and the Florida weather are of a more rosy hue than when you wrote. As for us, I regret to have to report that my husband was stricken with a heart attack just at the time the news of the award became public and has been in the George Washington University Hospital for more than two weeks. The cardiograms showed that he had an earlier attack which he had passed off as indigestion, would not call a doctor, and took no rest whatsoever thereafter. Following that he had the strenuous trip to Europe from which he returned only on March 25th. I am glad to say that he is progressing satisfactorily and has really made marked improvement in the last few days. The medical command is four weeks in the hospital and a month's rest at home before returning to office.

Thanking you again for your very prompt interest,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

ELIZABETH SMITH FRIEDMAN