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Dear Walt

Enclosed is a 16 mm reproduction of a few of the coronary angiograms that I started doing here, I thought that you may want to see it. I am using now a 35 mm camera, this one is reduced to 16 mm, it shows normal and obstructed coronaries, including one case that shows an internal mammary implant. The most interesting case I was able to get on spot films shows rather well the communications which develop with the patients coronary vessels. I shall forward you a copy as soon as the photographer gets done with it.

I am interested in the angiographic anatomy of the cardiac veins and the coronary sinus. Did anyone do any work on this? In the film there are two good strips of this. I also have now a patient with 2 internal mammary implants in whom I excised an anterior myocardial infarction and who is doing very well. Could you let me know or one of your fellows what the problem is with vein implants and the results? I would appreciate the movie back when you are done with it. I am preparing a paper on the internal mammary implants, I wonder if I could send it to you for corrections. Do you know about a reference concerning implants with a excision of an infarction?

I am still hopeful to get back into a situation where I could combine clinical surgery with teaching and research. You know that the reasons I left Minnesota just as you are doing now was due to the sad state of affairs that were developing, however much I wanted to continue working on the many unfinished problems that intrigued me. You know that I am fairly multifaceted even though now I am doing a bit of cardiovascular - thoracic work. I am pretty successful at it, I have a number of good valves going and the income is pretty good over here but I lack the rest - serious research and teaching.

I know how much of the credit of my clinical success goes to you. Please do let me know if you should hear about anything. I of

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course, as you know would like to work for you, if an interesting opportunity should arise in the future.

Sincerely

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