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Dear Walton

It was nice seeing you in Minneapolis, however the occasion was a bit nostalgic. I hope your patient with the dislodged ball from the valve survived.

I wonder if it would be possible for you to communicate with Dr. Clark, Chief of Surgery at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, N.M., recommending me for an appointment as thoracic surgeon, they are looking for someone and I am starved for research and teaching. I would like to add something scientifically and I feel quite isolated over here. I know that I could organize a reasonable research and clinical thoracic department. I know how much worry you have yourself and I hate to disturb you now. If it should be possible I would appreciate it.

I am certain that material affluence didn't spoil me. The only interesting series I have are internal mammary implants, 4 with recatheterization showing good angio demonstration of the implant. In the series of 14, 2 had ventricular aneurysms that I excised, with survival. On one patient I excised - excluded an anterior myocardial infarct and implanted 2 internal mammaries. How is the followup on the venous graft implants in patients?

With best regards.

Sincerely

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