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Dear Walton!

I thank you very much for your warm endorsement of mine in Dallas. As I hear, it was of consequence. If we agree on the contract, I should start there on or about June 1.

Enclosed is an "expectoration" on Billroth. One reason to write was the circumstance surrounding the first gastrectomies, also the "publicity" and "premature" reporting. The endeavor and problems were not too different, than with cardiac and liver transplantation today, and interestingly the results not too much better.

I am using the helix disposable bag with a heat exchanger, and it proved, in my hands, quite satisfactory. With the forthcoming move, I could make a change. Could you advise me, if you should feel that there is any particular advantage, to another disposable system.

Thanks, sincerely.

Sincerely,

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Karel B. Absolon, MD.