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Dear Bill:

I would be very honored to visit your department in the winter or early part of next year. I always enjoy meeting with you so much. Next to the various aspects of Billroth's life, gastrectomy, etc., I could present two films: (1) one on surgical therapy of achalasia in childhood, (2) surgical therapy of coronary occlusive disease by anastomotic replacement (ascending aortic to coronary saphenous vein shunt). You will recall that I started experiments on this in 1956 with Joe Aust, R. Varco and C. W. Lillehei; (3) Esophageal replacement with a colonic graft in Epidermolysis Bullosa, an unusual disease which to my knowledge previously was not treated in this fashion and should be. (4) Preservation of heart and lung: an isolated selfsustaining preparation. Biochemical, hemodynamic studies during preservation and after transplantation.

There are several meetings I have to attend, and I would also like to do some research on Billroth's biography in Vienna for a week or two. Perhaps we could talk about my possible visit at the College of Surgeons meeting in Atlantic City.

I must admit that I am a bit in a turmoil and busy with all my activities in the lab, writing and clinical work--and enjoying it all. In addition I got a few interesting teaching offers, which I am looking over.

Enclosed is the second part (unedited) of Billroth's biography. I am finishing the third now. This will complete Volume I. I am looking for a publisher, who would want to undertake this task. If you should know someone, let me know please.

Many thanks!

Sincerely,

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