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Dear Karel:

Thank you very much for letting me read the essay about the relationship between Billroth and Albert. Although we all know a great deal about Billroth, Albert has attracted very little attention. It was a revelation to me to learn some of the things you brought out in the article.

As I mentioned to you earlier I hope you will be able to come to Denver as a Visiting Professor of Surgery sometime in the late fall or winter. We make desultory attempts to teach something about the history of surgery during the Clerkship but everyone on the staff as well as the students would greatly profit and appreciate a concentrated exposure to Billroth and the German-Austrian School. It had such tremendous influence on developments all over the world. Let me know what you think about this. Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Waddell

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I always enjoy meeting with you so much.

Dear Bill: I ^{would} be very ~~happy~~ ^{honored} to visit your department ~~later~~ in the ~~spring~~ winter or early next year. Next to the various aspects of Billroth's life, bariatric surgery etc. I could present two films (1) one on surgical therapy of achalasia in childhood (2) surgical therapy of coronary occlusive disease by ~~the~~ direct bypass shunt between the ~~as~~ anastomotic replacement (ascending aortic to coronary ~~anastomosis~~ ^{anastomosis}). You will recall that I started experiments on this in 1958 with Joe Hunt, Verwoz and Killehei. (3) Isopagel replacement with a colonic graft in Epidermolysis bullosa, ~~epidermolysis~~ an unusual disease which to my knowledge previously was not

treated in this fashion and should be.

(4) Preservation of heart and lung ~~are~~ are isolated self-sustaining preparation. Biochemical, hemodynamic studies during preservation and after transplantation.

~~the timing~~

I certainly would like to

for a week or two

~~I cannot really say much about you.~~
There are several meetings I have to attend and I would also like to do some research in Vienna on the second volume of Billroth's biography. We could perhaps talk about my possible visit ~~when we are at the College of Surgeons~~ meeting in Atlantic City.

I must admit that I am a bit in a ~~hurry~~ and busy with all my activities in the lab, writing and clinical ~~work~~ and ~~teaching~~ ~~no doubt~~ ~~it is~~ ~~well~~. In addition I got a few interesting ~~teaching~~ offers, which I am looking over.

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

Many thanks!

Lucas

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