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Dear Doctor Absolon:

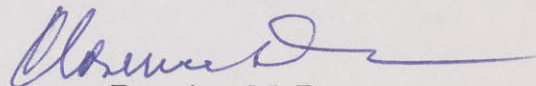
Thanks for your letter of August 28. My congratulations to you on your myocardial infarctectomy. This seems like a most intriguing idea.

I went over the material of Dr. Gordon Murray, knowing that he had resected some infarcts in the late 1940's. Unhappily, the hospital in Toronto had been moved between that time and the last year or two. Although all of the charts are apparently available, the cross-indexing system somehow fell afoul of misfortune and was lost in the move. The result has been that Dr. Gordon Murray has been unable to find the cases in question. It seemed to Dr. Wangenstein that it probably was better not to publish a reappraisal article if no solid information was to be forthcoming.

At the University Surgeons meeting in February, 1967, Dr. Heimbecker and associates, including Gordon Murray, published a paper on resection of acute infarcts, including a series of patients handled in this fashion. I believe the background which you would like to find would be most effectively dug up by starting with that particular paper. It should have appeared in the August issue of SURGERY.

With best regards, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,



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