October 27, 1961

Mrs. Ben Sommers 767 Goodrich Avenue St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Nellie:

My Nelly and I just returned from a ten day trip and heard of Ben's death.

The suddenness was unexpected, to those of ws who knew of his cardiac lesion. Some rationalization is possible, in that he did not have to suffer years of invalidism. On the other hand, it is hard to lose thusly a person as absolutely good and open and effective and personable as Ben.

We send our best regards to you.

Henry W. Blackburn, M.D.

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