



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
TWIN CITIES

Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene
School of Public Health
Stadium Gate 27
611 Beacon Street S.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

July 30, 1981

Professor Roberto A. Schettino, M.D.
Corso Vittorio Emanuele 494F
80135 Naples, Italy

Dear Doctor Schettino:

After a week at our home, "Minnelea," in Pioppi, we sent Bill Parlin and his wife on their way back to Frankfurt. The next day Marianne telephoned to say the trip was uneventful and Bill was tired but otherwise in good shape. He had already seen his local physician who reportedly was satisfied with the case.

Now I have a letter, mailed from Frankfurt July 19, saying that Bill is getting along very well. His only complaints are that he has to take time off to rest several times a day and a "general feeling of listlessness," (trascuratezza, indifferenza). He is still very anemic and the blood pressure seems to be stuck at about 85/55 so the way he feels is understandable. He is getting lots of iron and vitamin medication.

We left Italy three days after the departure of the Parlins and are now back in Minnesota until the end of August. Here I want to put in writing my great appreciation for what you did for Bill Parlin. Your skillful, patient work during the night of that Sunday, June 21, was literally life-saving. We are most grateful, too for the care and attention given by all in your hospital, your very able assistants, the residents and nurses. Also please give my warm greetings to the Direttore Sanitario, Dr. Dantè Lamanna. I know he did much to help the Parlins in those difficult days.

Separately I am sending you, on behalf of Bill Parlin, a copy of the book on the history of surgery by Owen Wangensteen and his wife (a professional historian of medicine). Owen and I were friends for 40 years; he was one of several hundred men enrolled in the first of the prospective studies aimed to discover what are now called risk factors for coronary heart disease. He came to my laboratory for examination every year beginning in 1948. His big book was finished only a few months before his death at the age of 84.

At this time I also want you to know that it was personally a great pleasure to meet you and to see something of the workings of the hospital and the department of surgery in Vallo.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Ancel Keys, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus

copy to Bill Parlin