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Dear Ancel:

Thank you for the new lot of telegrams and letters and word about the beautiful roses from Posteli. Also, once again our appreciation to Margaret and yourself for that lovely birthday celebration and for all the trouble you took - really a tremendous job.

We are sending some stamps back to the postmaster at Pioppi.

I am also sending you a copy of the letter that I have sent to the Ministers of Health and of Finance in Athens about the new Greek National Heart Foundation and the importance of support across the board. There is a tendency, I suppose a natural one, for some of the bright young fellows working in the labs at the Hippocratic Hospital under the wing of old Professor Michailides, who confidentially doesn't know much, to look down on clinical cardiology best represented by Constantine Samaras at the Evangelismos Hospital, which is still the best in clinical medicine in Greece so far as my own experience has indicated both in the past and at present.

And even among the young fellows whom we know so well, right there at the Hippocratic Hospital getting government support, there is a good deal of lack of harmony and, again confidentially, I suspect that our old co-worker Christ Aravanis is the prime mover in this disharmony. I don't know whether you yourself have experienced this, but it was very evident during the week that I was in Greece before coming to Italy. Dontas, whom I always liked, and Koroxenidis, a younger man who had been with us at the MGH for a while, were apparently put in their place unhappily by Aravanis while I was there.

I thought it would be well for you to know this recent experience. Perhaps you have some thoughts about it too, which may be important when you foregather with them at Corfu later on. I hope things will turn out all right, but I always find the Greeks hard to take even though I am supposed to be a great philhellene.

Our best to you all. Sincerely yours,

Paul

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And now to get ready for New Delhi and way stations