

*Letter from H.L. Taylor from London.*

Feb. 19, 1967

Dear Henry:

Geoffrey Rose really has had a difficult time recovering from his collision with an automobile. My information is not very precise simply because it is hard to get. Reid has visited Rose a couple of times, but the rest of us are encouraged to stay away until he is further along on the road to recovery. The information that I have goes something like this: Geoffrey was in the habit of riding a motorbike between the train station and home - parking his bike at the station during the day. His accident occurred on the way home. I am fairly sure that he suffered a complex fracture of one femur which involved multiple breaks, a break in the contralateral arm, some damage to the pelvis and some cracked ribs. For the first 72 hours, his case was discussed in terms of survival. (He was taken to a local hospital near the scene of the accident. There was considerable blood loss etc.) For the next week or so the talk turned on whether an artificial kidney should be moved out to the hospital. Then he was considered to be much improved, but last week he developed impaired vision etc. which was thought to be due to emboli originating in the kidney. Last Thursday night Reid was feeling better about the whole thing saying that Geof's cerebral symptoms had all cleared dramatically, and Reid considered the outlook much improved. I am instructed to tell you that the outlook is optimistic with a slight note of caution. Figure it out for yourself. One thing is clear: the week before the accident Geof purchase a crash helmet, and this probably saved his life. He was lucid the morning after the accident, and as far as I know has never been in a prolonged coma.

I have written Gunnar a letter. Shortly I shall write Ancel and see if he won't, also, get into the act. Of one thing I am certain, no university official is going to take any action until the grant money is in the bank. This may make planning difficult, for I think Gunnar has to protect himself. N.I.H. is really very tight on cash, and they may not be able to fund a supplemental grant to an already

approved grant of the nature of the cardiovascular research program-project grant. I really know very little about their policy on grants of this nature. In any event, the offer to Gunnar depends on the funding of this supplemental grant for funds. If it is funded, I would hope that some kind of grant request involving you and Gunnar would be ready for early processing.

I regret very much the oversight in notifying Maddy re my quarter's leave of absence. He certainly was mad. I am writing him a letter, but I doubt that it will do much good. It is pretty clear that we are going through a period of contracting funds. The support for Bill Parlin's operation is not going to get any larger for a while, at least. I think that it may be necessary to consult with Ancel and Bill regarding priorities for statistical analysis.

My experience here has been a very pleasant one and I believe a very useful orientation. Peter Armitage's course begins at a very low level, but at the end of five weeks I was surprised to discover that he had covered everything O. J. Dunn of U.C.L.A. requires for a one quarter course in statistics. I am sure that you would find a full nine months here to your great advantage - at least, the combined course would be extremely useful. And I think I know how it could be financed.

In addition to the experience at the school, we have had the added bit of having Jimmy living here with us until last Friday. Since he is an English major on a project period, we felt he should be exposed to as much London theatre as possible. It has turned out to be a magnificent experience for all three of us. David has been assigned to an Air Force base in Germany, so we expect to see him on our way to Italy. There isn't too much traditional jazz in this town, but the Remingtons and the Taylors are planning a night of it in the not too distant future.

Cay sends her best to you and Nellie as do I.

As ever,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry", with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.