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Ms. Robin Strangis
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Dear Friend:

You will hear separately that friends of Paul Loring, in the place where he worked the longest, the Stadium Laboratory of the School of Public Health at the University, have made a gift in his memory to the Prevention of Cigarette Smoking in Children, an educational research program in Twin Cities Seventh Graders.

A great deal of respect and affection existed among this Laboratory staff for Paul. He was always gracious, always giving, always kind in his service to our Laboratory and to the University. I hope that you will find his collection of letters that we gathered and read and delivered to him in a ceremony at the time of his retirement which indicated the regard of the Laboratory staff, and several generations of visiting fellows from this country and abroad who were Paul's friends.

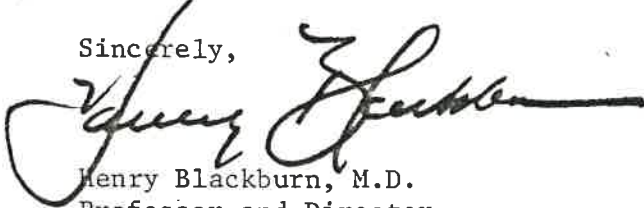
I have the particular pleasure of certain personal intimacies with Paul. One was that I was the first to hear his heart murmur many many years ago and years before there was any successful curative procedures for it. It was a bad heart murmur, associated with a thrill that one could feel through the chest, so that way back in the early 60's I knew that he would eventually get in trouble with fainting attacks and other evidences of inadequate blood supply. I did not inform Paul completely of my findings because there was no cure at that time. Fortunately, at the time he developed symptoms, aortic valve replacements had reached a high state of development and this, combined with coronary bypass surgery, gave him the opportunity to finish off his normal working career and to enjoy a brief period of retirement.

I had one other area of close contact with Paul. As you know he enjoyed several passionate hobbies, and he used to confide in me his very great pleasure in his modestly expressed ability in figure skating which he had to give up in later years. During a period of a couple of years he was also interested in writing a play. He confided in me sufficiently to let me see a copy of it and I kept it in my file some time before returning it to him. It was not very good and had some paranoid allusions (cosmic rays, etc.) which were not at all evident in his day-to-day life and conversation.

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At any rate, we are hoping you will find his letters from us and wanted you to know we cared much for Paul.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry Blackburn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director

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P.S. A plaque in honor of Paul is being composed to be mounted in the Stadium Library, and we will notify you when it is complete.