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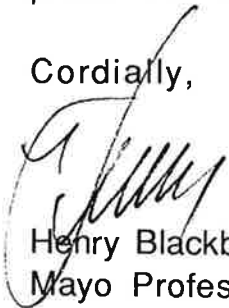
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Dear Darwin:

I think the time has come for me to resign, with great affection for the Tahoe Seminar that we started together years ago, and to thank you for your calm, supportive, and even-handed direction over the years. It has been a great satisfaction for me to see how you and Merrily and the faculty took to this challenge. And also to witness how sensitive you have been to individual faculty, fellow and Granlibakken issues.

I wish all members of the faculty well. If I can help in any way in preparation of the renewal or in consideration of a future curriculum for a preventive cardiology seminar, or whatever, please call on me.

Cordially,



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Dear Darwin:

Stacy doesn't understand this at all. She thinks that young people like to be exposed to old-timers and "pioneers" and that it is such a lovely and need part of my life that interdigitates so well with the Grove, and I get such a great satisfaction to hear her sing once a year. She thinks I'm crazy.

However, progressive 30 degree changes in direction never add up to the 180 degrees needed. If I am to be creative as I hope to be in writing and musical endeavors, I need to get out from under all old undertakings, even happy and satisfying ones.

Privately, I am considering about when to leave the Bohemian Club, another delightful occupation, but increasingly illogical in terms of my musical developments. Though ideal for those who live in the vicinity of the club and have it as their major outlet; it does not serve that function for me. I don't plan to make any move on that probably until I retire, which is still a little down the way.

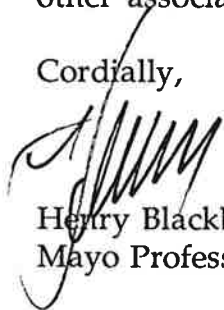
I was very pleased at Russ's Tahoe presentation and I would think Farquhar and Russ would make a good combination on community presentations in the future (though I certainly don't recommend to Russ, in the difficult times of administration these days, that he make another two week a year commitment away from the office!). I am sure that will work itself out "naturally" (which means, you'll do what's best). At any rate, I am glad you invited him.

One of the saddest issues will be not to attend the Parsons's party. The last thing Al Sutton said as we parted this time was "Well I hope this continues to be a lifetime relationship, Henry." The men genuinely enjoy coming up and we enjoy each other. I, of course, would be tempted to drop in for the party in future at my expense, but I remember the discomfort I felt when I was once a "walk on", it must have been around 1983, and the students were puzzled as to what I was doing there. So a walk-on isn't appropriate. We could consider stopping in and giving a presentation say on a Monday night and playing the party on Tuesday (maybe in

celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Seminar). But I would prefer that the accompanying letter be considered a formal stepping aside. Your recruitment of new blood is being done most appropriately and diplomatically. I wish you well.

Again, with many personal thanks for your long support and gratitude for this and other associations.

Cordially,



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Enclosure

p.s. You and Merrily should put together an annotated history of the Seminar!

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