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Dear Henry:

Your delightful IF IT ISN'T FUN arrived last mid-week and I've devoured it constantly the last few days. There can be no doubt, it was fun. And I look forward to your next thirty years. Although I'm a bit older (now 84 and counting) we started our medical careers in similar times (before penicillin, nuclear medicine and, thank goodness, managed care) we really had a chance to grow up during a wonderful time in medicine. And for that, we were lucky.

Let me cite some of the things I especially enjoyed: most importantly, you can write clearly, often with great insight and good humor, and with obvious discipline. Things that are properly private remain inviolateably private. Despite your penchant for privacy. I learned about <sup>SOME OF</sup> your relationships <sup>5400 IN</sup> for the first time <sup>1975</sup> about the MN Insurance Co., Paris and Cuba. Although I did not know him well until the early 1970's. I share your respect for Alton Ochsner. Your tales of the Seven countries problems during the Brussels Cardiology Congress in 1958 were all new. Although I spent six weeks before, during and after the Congress seeing family in Denmark and speaking at the Congress and in England, Italy and Spain. I had an almost identical CIA grilling before and after my return. Many years <sup>(G/1920)</sup> later a Russian physiologist I met on that trip came to Pittsburgh on a scientific junket to see ~~your~~ your cyclotron and the CIA gave me another grilling. Perhaps my dean set it up

Although never a cigarette lover, your stories and, especially your Hav-A Tampa were great fun. Even today three or four times a month, I'll put a beach chair in the yard I<sup>l</sup>git up a Macanudo (caviar size) and revel in it. I only do this on those occasions when my nostalgia level is high. Not a situation that I encourage or particularly approve of. But, it is fun.

The role of Ancel in your work, is beautifully handled. I never was invited to Minnelea or Pioppi and I was <sup>s</sup>orry to hear that they finally had to give it up. Ancel and Margaret will be leaving a lot <sup>vs</sup> ~~of~~ the better for having known them.

I'm glad you included the CODA. You can be very proud. It is a real mark of your ability to be frank and fair. No wonder so many of us love you and that includes both my Lois and Lucille!

After finishing the book I played Butch Thompson's piano CD, read Stasy Richardson's liner notes on the Blackburn Beach CD and really enjoyed that.

With every good wish and lot's more fun....

and love to Stasy, too

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