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Dear Henry:

Felicitations on your recent article in the NEJM on Olestra and the FDA. In this journal it should be widely read, and might indeed have the desired impact.

I'm writing this, however, to express my joy at seeing the name of a good friend. With time, naturally, I see an increasing preponderance of unfamiliar names in authorship of materials on subjects that I still follow with interest. I'm glad to see that you are still very much in there fighting.

My last slightly professional role was as a rural Health Officer for the town of Jackson, N.H. and President of the State Health Officers' Association. Helen and I retired there in 1980 when I terminated my roles in Brown University's Medical school, and the Rhode Island Department of Health. Now for about four and a half years, we have lived among a wonderful stimulating collection of old-timers in this comfortable retirement community in this college town. Now, at age 85 my work is in our woodshop - mostly furniture repair and picture-framing. I've been introducing myself to the computer for about eight years, and within a few days I'll be on the Internet, through a regional group. E Mail address Alex Burgess@valley.net

I never had the courage to expect happy survival this long, but our kids are into fascinating stuff and life remains a pleasure. I've contacted Zdenek Fejfar at wide intervals, and was corresponding with Jim Watt until his death a year or so back. I've lost track of many others but have several good new friends here, some among the 17 physicians here with about 350+ miscellaneous others. (Carlton Chapman, you might know). I've enjoyed, too, being the Presiding Clerk of our small Quaker contingent, My health still rather good, age considered.

Don't feel you need to answer this. I've enjoyed the occasion of thinking back to the early 1960s in Geneva. I seems a long time ago because it is. With every good wish,

Cordially,

*Alex*