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Dear Dr Swan:

One year has passed since my operation, so as you ask, I am writing to tell you what mischief I've been up to. After arriving home I felt fine. At last, I went back to work at the office after only one week. At Dr Richter's request I did restrain myself from any physical exercise until after the first of the year.

By the time January rolled around I was really feeling fine, more pep and energy than I have ever had. For the next 2 or 3 months I went dancing, bowling, skating etc. whenever I wanted to. My children thought they had found a new mommy. We were able to play and do so many things together.

Don, my ten year old son got the surprise of his life one day when I rode his bike. He never dreamed I knew how to ride much less that I was physically able to do such a thing.

We were all very happy and having a great time together until about the middle of March. All of a sudden I didn't feel good any more. No one was more surprised than I to find out I was pregnant. Just hadn't counted on it at least not so soon after the operation. During the first five months I had the usual sickness and tiredness, but nothing unusual. In August I had hay fever followed by a virus that left me feeling rough and rundown. Dr Richter made me go to bed about four weeks ago for complete rest. I'll be here until the baby come - about Dec. 5th. I wasn't too happy about this but actually feel better in bed. I do have some shortness of breath and trouble in breathing, but I'm sure everything is going to be all right. all I want is for the baby to be all right, and for me to feel as good this January as I did last January.

Please let Dr Blount read this letter or at least tell him about it for I want to say hello to him also. I still give thanks for such men as you and pray for both of you and the wonderful work you are doing. We were all disappointed when we didn't get to come to Denver this summer. Don't know now when we will be able to make the trip, but if it is important to your records that you see me again I'll try to work out some thing. I doubt that you have ever had anyone follow your operation with a pregnancy, so that makes my case a little special doesn't it?

All in all it has been a good year for I had a taste of what it means to really feel good and know that it will be that way again.

If either of you ever have occasion to be in Indiana you would love for you to call and say hello. I hope it has been a good year for both of you and that you are continuing to have great success in your work.

Sincerely,
Clarabell Presley