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Dear Ed:

I am delighted that the Veterans Administration program honoring you for your service as Senior Medical Investigator affords me the opportunity to express these personal thoughts to you. Unfortunately, in the busy activities of daily life we don't usually make the time to set down our personal thoughts of appreciation to long-standing and good friends.

Clearly, Ed, you and your work related to the V.A. multicenter studies have attracted worldwide attention and will remain as a lasting milestone in the history of medicine. But, in addition, I have expressed to you many times over the years my personal appreciation for your equally important fundamental cardiovascular studies concerned with the underlying mechanisms of hypertensive disease and blood pressure control. Of the many investigative reports that you have contributed, to my way of thinking one that will remain a major landmark is your Physiological Reviews paper which pointed the way for many of us who have embarked on a career in cardiovascular research in hypertension. That I had the opportunity of discussing this work with you as you wrote the manuscript remains a most meaningful experience to me.

Probably less emphasized to many individuals as they view the achievements of a leader are the numbers of individuals he has trained and who, in turn, have assumed roles of responsibility in investigation and medicine. Ed, you can be reassured that your influence has truly impacted mightily in stimulating and directing an impressive number of individuals.

I want you to know that I am proud to have been your research fellow and I am deeply grateful for your stimulation and support in setting me on my course through an academic and investigative career in hypertension. Whatever small contributions I may have made or will make, in no small way will be attributed to your strong influence. For that I thank you, and I wish you continued success in your role as Distinguished Teacher in the Veterans Administration and at Georgetown.

Sincerely,



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