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Dear Chick:

I want to congratulate you on the excellent Festschrift published in your honor in the August issue of the JOURNAL OF PEDIATRIC SURGERY, and on the fine introductory tribute by Dr. Moritz M. Zigler. I have been away from New York for about three months and thus could write you only now. In fact, since I am unsure of your Washington address, I am writing in care of the Children's Hospital with the hope that they will forward the letter to you.

It goes without saying that your contributions are well known to the profession, but I think that of all the characteristics that animate them, the most important is your qualities as a real human being, who has always tried to help the patient to the best of your abilities. This kind of single-minded devotion is rare in this world, and may God bless you for all you have done: not only to improve the services of the medical profession in general, but especially your contributions to changing attitudes toward children and child care.

Your appointment to Washington has warmed our hearts, and we know that, as in the past, you will use this opportunity to make even more contributions in new capacities.

With warmest regards to you and your dear family, I am in old friendship

Very cordially yours,

Dr. Henry M. Stratton
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