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Dear Ben:

Having just read the SUS letter extolling your exemplary career and announcing your well deserved Life Achievement Award of the Society of University Surgeons, I want to add my warmest congratulations to you. In my mind, it is certainly past due as you have always been my hero in surgical academia as I have tried to make my way in our mutual field. Whether in a study section deliberation, a large surgical conference, or only among small groups when serving as visiting professor, you have always been insightful, exciting and a truly educational animal. You have my profoundest admiration for both your vigor and your logic.

Last, but not least by a long shot, I have always been proud that you offered me a position with you when you started the Department of Surgery at the University of Kentucky many years ago. That was one of the finest compliments I've had in my academic life, and I have always felt sad that I could not accept the opportunity to team up with you on an exciting surgical adventure. Then, and now, I believe you are one of the most, if not the most, inspiring surgeon of our time.

Fondest regards,



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