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Dear Ben,

Congratulations on your richly deserved 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of University of Surgeons. Your colleagues in Denver have pretty well said it all as regards your many contributions to the world of surgery. My comments will be on a more personal note. I still have fond memories of our taking a fairly direct route down the upper part of Silver Fox at Snowbird. I had trouble keeping up, and greatly admired your pure guts. And I recall quite vividly our winter climb to the McNamara hut on the 10th Mountain Trail. The most memorable part of the trip was the entertainment – you and Hank playing duets on the harmonica. I have only three regrets – not joining you on your expeditions to climb Denali, and the Matterhorn, and not joining you and Hank on your tours to Vietnam. Another vivid memory goes back to 1964, when you visited Bert Dunphy and his team at UCSF to show us how to do a pig liver perfusion. I was impressed with how clever you were wrestling with the pig, but in the end the pig won. You have been an inspiration to all of us, and I look forward to the celebration at Huntington Beach.

Warm regards,

Frank