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Dear Bob,

Just a belated word to tell you how much I appreciated the telegram I received when we all got on the plane to come to Sweden. It meant a great deal and will be preserved as a part of our records of the year. Please express my thanks to the members of the Executive Faculty Council for it and for the magnificent orchid which Eleanor received. The orchid did something for her, and she was quite in another world over it for the first half at least of the flight. It stood up well and arrived here with her in fine condition.

We had an uneventful if somewhat tiring trip over. The youngsters would not believe either their watches or that it was time to get some sleep, with the failure of full darkness to appear. It took several days of rest here to restore them to normal activity. We have distributed them with families or in camps for the summer, or at least much of it, so that they can learn some Swedish before school starts. Elly and I have spent July with a Linguaphone set here "at home", with a set of grammar books and a tape recorder, and more recently with a very attractive school teacher who tutors us each day. We are gradually learning, can manage shopping well enough, simple telephone conversations, and directions on getting places. We can also read the letters in Swedish our boys write to us. Jane starts French and Dick starts German in addition when school begins. I suspect I shall perhaps be able to talk to nearly all the patients in the Kings County Hospital when I get back, especially as I shall be working with a pair of Spaniards who know little English when I begin in the laboratory next week.

Am very sorry to learn that Joe Sherber is leaving. He seemed to me like a most desirable person for us for the long haul.

All the little indirect reports I have had would suggest that Karlson has everything running smoothly and effectively in the Department of Surgery. This I had fully expected, and it is a source of much gratification to me, as I have watched him along since the beginning of his residency.

Everything looks most promising here, and I expect a good year and a return with a rejuvenated education and a freshened outlook. Once again, a thousand thanks from both of us, both to you and to the Faculty Council.

Sincerely,
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