

June 23rd 1972

Dear Bob Lucile,

I feel so happy to be writing this letter. I got your letter the other day, Bob, and I must admit I was amazed to have one written as well as ever. My picture of you shows in 1960 was from Pat Barry, who wrote some time after he had visited you at Easter, and the picture he painted then was a very depressing one. I guessed you'd been ill for some weeks with very little in the way of signs of recovery. Since in my experience most patients who are going to make a good recovery from a cerebro-vascular accident get about 60-70% recovery in the first month or so, I had formed a most depressing picture of your condition. I know as soon as I saw your writing in the address on my letter that you had made a remarkable recovery. And was I delighted? That's putting it very mildly. Eileen was equally thrilled at the good news.

I've kept your letter with me until this week-end when I planned to send you a reply. And now I find I've left it in the wrong. But, tho' this is perhaps typical of me these days, when I can never find what I want even when it has been in my hand on how many times, it does not matter because this letter is just one of rejoicing with you both in your recovery. I know if you recovered sufficiently to make a fight for it, it would certainly be a very good one.

I do hope you are able to get down to the conference at Buenos Aires, for you had planned for this even when you were out there in 1970. The trip by Cargo Boat sounds as if it would be very interesting and, I hope, comfortable & relaxing. We have little news. Eileen has a nasty repeating infection with prolonged bouts of coughing (like whooping) but means she has O.K. & has no temperature. And she is as energetic as ever, so the back is worse than the liver. I've been well apart from some occasional blinks in the R. foot, which is a nuisance.

At Spring (Glasgow), my secretary is in England for 3 or 4 months. Tell me Nov 30th via Mrs Kemp how the second move over there in England

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FOLD FLAPS BEFORE MOISTENING GUM. FOR
MAXIMUM ADHESION, PRESS DOWN FOR A FEW SECONDS.
IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED OR ANY TAPE OR STICKER ATTACHED,
THIS FORM MUST BEAR POSTAGE AT THE RATE FOR AIR MAIL LETTERS.

I told her of your recovery and she asked me in her reply to give you with her
kind regards and best wishes.
The authorities seem to be waiting on a lead from overseas as the
pollution problem. We are here a several cold months of June - already about
20 days with maximum temperature under 40° F, tho' only below freezing point about
(31° F). So we don't get it very cold. We have had fairly dense (fog) for each night
but have had lovely sunny days, and the sun gets into the clouds.
Eileen joins me in sending love and very best wishes to you both. Please
take good care of yourselves and don't push yourselves too hard. We hope
you'll be enjoying yourselves and that the trip to Buenos Aires will be
a great success.
Yours affectionately, Keith.