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Dear Fran,

Thank you for your personal word on Edith's family letter of February 23. I deeply appreciated your loving concern.

Yes, my cancer which I thought had been finally disposed of five years ago did reappear and in very nearly the same location. This time, however, although I went back to the Cleveland Clinic (Ohio) hoping to have the same wonderful treatment I had before, I discovered that this tumor had, even though it was small, rather embedded itself in such a way that the radiation treatment would not be fully effective. Even the radiologist recommended radical surgery.

Since I was therebwhere the world's finest specialists in rectal and colonic surgery work I decided to remain and have the surgery done there. It was performed on Friday, February 13th. I spent two weeks in the Cleveland hospital and then was able to fly home.

I have been promised a rather long recovery period by the doctors whoc tell me it will be at least six weeks more before I will feel a return to normal strength. I still have considerable pain in the lower parts of my anatomy. But God has been so good, and the pathologists report was most encouraging. No evidence of any tissue anywhere else being affected. I do praise the Lord for that. I'm sure He will givemme the needed patience for the recovery period.

You probably know by now that Helen Leonard had a cancer operation last Monday in Colorado Springs. She came through fine, but the pathologists report will not be ready until tomorrow so I can give you no special news. We are praying for her and for Bill, too, for he has had indications of possible problems. We hope the warning he received will slow him down a bit.

I haven't strength to write more just now, but managed this electric portable long enough to get this note off to you to thank you for your prayerful concern. Praise the Lord will me for His goodness.

In the love of Christ,