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Dr. Leonidas H. Berry  
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Dear Dr. Berry:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of January 27, 1977. I am very pleased to hear that you are to receive the Rudolph Schindler Award of the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy in Toronto and I feel that you very much deserve this award since I feel that you are, in many respects, a present-day Schindler.

Unfortunately I never received the materials you sent to me a month ago, but I would be very interested in receiving copies if you have them. Although I was well-known in London until I left three years ago, I have discovered that one does not have to be away from a university for very long before one is at least partially forgotten. My former secretary still works in the Department of Medicine and has very kindly sent on quite a number of letters, but apparently your letter did not come to her attention.

I am very pleased that the meeting at which you are to be honoured is to be held in Toronto since this will make it possible for me to be there. I do not know whether it is being held jointly with the meeting of the Ontario Medical Association, but even if I have to make a special trip to Toronto to be in attendance, I have every intention of doing so.

My wife and I would be most honoured if you could visit Belleville when you come to Toronto. Possibly a tour of a few days' duration could be arranged after the meeting which might include both Belleville and Kingston, since you once told me that you had made the acquaintance of Dr. Ivan Beck. If you wish, we could arrange for you to say a few words at the Medical Rounds here in Belleville, and possibly in Kingston as well, provided the timing is appropriate. However, there is no necessity for you to participate in such exercises if you would rather not.

If you are able to come to Belleville, my wife and I would be pleased and honoured to have you as a guest in our home. Belleville and Eastern Ontario are delightful at that time of year, and the countryside abounds in beautiful lakes and spectacular scenery. We would be very pleased to be your guides and to show you some of it.

In our Christmas letter we hesitated to ask about your wife since I recall she was quite ill with angina when I last spoke to you three years ago. Nevertheless, I hope that she is still living and in good health. If she is able to travel with you, she would, of course, be most welcome here as well.

I am pleased that your health is good and I am looking forward to hearing from

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you some time before May.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Loudon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

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