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We talked so long that Brac who is weak from recent illness had to go back to bed, while Reba continued until Brac reminded us that we had been on the line for 1 1/2 hrs. Only old Wilberforce can understand what there is to talk about so long.
June 3, 1974

Mr. Carter R. Wright
410 So. Hauser Blvd.
Los Angeles, California 90036

Dear Carter R:

Meeting you and your family and the renewal of old friendship in Los Angeles recently was one of the high points of my life. It was like coming back from the planet Mars or somewhere in outer space after being away for 50 years. I had a long talk after a few days back in Chicago by telephone with Brac and Reba Cann about the Los Angeles experience.

~~We talked so.~~

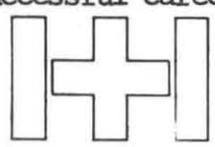
DOUBLE VOICES:

at the airport and the waiting crowd, I saw Carter Wright the finished product, dressed in the cloak of success with the facade of experience and the successful family. You stood there craning your neck looking for the man from Mars, wondering if you were going to recognize him. We knew each other at once. I don't know what you saw but the identify of the teenage Carter Wright could be seen shining through the veneer of a half century.

Handwritten notes on the right margin:
I remember meeting Carter Wright in 1924...
I met him in 1924...
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The very enjoyable day spent with you was an experiment in behavioral observation. I can now see that the psychologist is right when he says there are certain ~~aspects~~ fundamental aspects of the behavioral pattern in the individual is formed in the very early childhood and does not change. You can still give a guy a run for his money in a talking marathon but you can also still sit quietly listening to others in conversation and in deep thought assessing the situation, with alertness and good judgment. Under these circumstances, it was almost laughable to observe that you still flip your eyes from side to side behind those glasses when you are thinking just like the teenage Carter Wright. You were never more real than you were while driving along the blvd. and facetiously assessing the round robin idea, observing that not all of my classmates would be willing to talk about what they had been doing for 50 years. Observing that some of them may have spent ~~some~~ of the time in jail.

At any rate, "A Day in the Life of Two Cronies After 50 Years". I think has earned a return engagement. Particularly since it has turned out that our wives knew each other in Georgia about the time of our first meeting in Wilberforce. I must again congratulate you on an outstandingly successful career and for having the good sense to move to California to



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rest on your laurels and to give ~~me~~ more time to enjoyment and to observing products of your labors, particularly your fine family and their families. I enjoyed every minute of the day, meeting your wife, your fine ~~doctor son and the~~ anesthesiologist son and his lovely daughters as well as the tour of the town the ~~lunch~~ lunch and the visit with Raymond Cannon and John Irby. I'm sorry that I did not meet your other doctor son but I am looking forward to meeting him in the future.

Thanks for all of your courtesies and for providing the old man with a great day of sheer joy.

Drop me a line occasionally and I promise to do the same. Say hello to your lovely wife and tell her that Em and I will look forward to your visit some day.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Leonidas H. Berry, M.D.

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