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Dear Jill,

First, I wish to thank you for all your diligence and thoroughness in keeping me informed and up to date on the activities of the museum. Between you and Jerry I don't think there is anything left out. Perhaps I would write more if I had a little better penmanship.

Once, at the age of six I was entered in the Johnson County Scholastic Competition by my father who was chairman of the school board. Those of us in the examination were told to write out the little nursery rhyme, "Jack and Jill". I got as far as writing "Jack and Jill went up the hill" before the bell rang to end the writing. In later years I finally arrived at the conclusion that I had been drawing instead of writing. Since that time my penmanship has gone steadily down hill. It was then, I suppose, that I was predestined to become a doctor.

By this time you must know that the Arkansas Community Foundation has not been funded by proceeds from the sale of the property which was gifted to the Arkansas Community Foundation for the Arkansas Country Doctor Museum. This was because of a misunderstanding of a statement rendered by the Arkansas Community Foundation. It stated only the amount to be given when the property would be sold when, in fact, it had not been sold, as of this date. The corrected information was relayed to me by the executive director of the University of Nevada Las Vegas Foundation. He added that they were working very hard to get a qualified buyer and were still very hopeful for an early sale.

Mrs. Boyer, Judy, and I are looking forward to our visit to Arkansas on a long week-end of September 29th through October 3rd from Oklahoma City where we will have picked up a rental car on Tuesday, September 26th.

I have an appointment to see a glaucoma specialist in Oklahoma City on the morning of Wednesday, September 27th. On Friday morning, September 29th we plan to drive on to Fayetteville where we will be staying at the Hampton Inn on Highway 71 just north of the junction with Highway 62.

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We will be in Lincoln until late Saturday afternoon, September 30th and then drive on down to Johnson County where I have a few relatives in Hartman and Clarksville. Hartman is where my mother is buried along with my grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins and two of my younger brothers. It is where I was born and lived until the age of twelve when we moved to Fort Towson, Oklahoma, where we stayed from 1929 until 1946 when my father moved and opened up his practice in Lincoln. He had retired but still lived in Lincoln until his death at the age of ninety two, in June of 1978. My parents were divorced in 1945. Both remarried. My father was married to Ruby in 1946. She knew me as an infant and I had delivered newspapers to her from the time I was six until we moved from Hartman, Arkansas to Fort Towson, Oklahoma in February of 1929.

Incidentally, the upright piano in the living room of the museum living area was given to my mother, by my grandfather on March 22, 1908 on her sixteenth birthday.

I find that I have strayed a little way from or travel schedule and so it's time to get back on track. After visiting relatives and a few old friends we will probably leave Clarksville early Monday morning and head back to Oklahoma City, leaving there on Tuesday morning October 3rd via Southwest Airlines to Las Vegas.

While in Lincoln I hope to see as many of our board members as I can. However, I don't expect any kind of formal meeting. The people of Lincoln, including our board members will have all their time taken up with the Apple Festival. Judy and I just want to see all the events and spend some time on the Square visiting the craft shows, maybe listening to some Dulcimer music and having lunch in the Community Center. We also have an old friend, a widower to visit in Bentonville. He is the one who refinished and tuned my mother's piano in the front room.

I have been very much impressed by all the things you and the board of directors have been doing in the area of public relations, fund raising and in house activities. It is very rewarding to see the wider recognition of the ACDM locally, state wide and by the medical community.

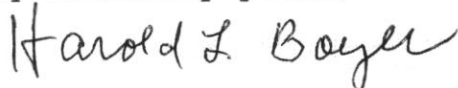
At sometime in the near future we should reach a point where we can put together a lengthy and well written article released for publication in the periodical regularly released by the Arkansas Community Foundation. It has a wide distribution to important citizens and organizations throughout the state. This is something you and Jerry might discuss with the director of the Arkansas Community Foundation to present a program to the Kiwanis Club. By

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the way, my father was one of the founding members of the club, serving as vice president. He is visible in the group picture I have seen. Jerry's father-in-law was the first president to be installed.

Well, Jill this is about all you can digest in one letter, so I'll close and look forward to hearing from you.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold L. Boyer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

HAROLD L. BOYER, M.D.

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