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Dear Alice & Maurice,

Many thanks for your nice Christmas card and also the masses from John J. & Mrs. Mahon, notice of which reached me from Manila. I will take care of them as soon as possible. Please express my thanks to Mrs. Mahon.

As for my story, A year ago Sept - that is Sept. 61 I had a mild cerebral thrombosis and slight shock. It would be a Sunday morning and me alone. When I got out of bed my left side was gone and I fell on the floor and couldn't get up. They got me up to a hospital in Manila and it was so slight I was back the 1st week of Nov. but the left side remained a bit stiff so last June I went home for a check-up at Leahy. They found the right artery was closed up - or stuffed up - I had been treating for cholesterol (?) Their opinion was I probably wouldn't have me for another 20 yrs. and was as well off here as anywhere - so I'm back. While I was home I also had a bone removed from my ear and my hearing is now fine - so it was worth it. The high-light that made the trip worth while was the folks celebrated their 50th in Sept. and I was able to say the Mass. As the mother says - God does all things well - even if He is a bit rough about it at times. I'm fine now but have to get used to that slight stiffness as they figure it will be permanent. I left home so late I had no time to stop. I landed in Manila Nov. 1st - our time. Sorry to fly direct from New York. I was too tired for anything but sleep and so thought it best not to call. I landed in Manila Nov. 1st - our time. Sorry to hear about Philip's illness but glad he is O.K. My love to Cibo & Mrs. Tell the folks to say hello to some. To small - even blessing for the New Year. Bill