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Dear 'Phog':

Thanks very much for your splendid letter of sympathy. Only a man who has experienced the loss of his brother can know that loss.

When one realized that Robert knew five years ago that his condition was fatal; and when you consider that his mental attitude was never shaken in all that time, I believe you will agree with me when I say, he was 'one in a million'. Robert never gave up to the end. Last year in Phoenix he told me he could and would fight to the end, that he would live until every tissue had replaced itself.

He never talked about himself, so I'm sure that none of you were ever wise to his true condition. You could only note a weariness or sluggishness which seemed to keep him from being quite at the top. "One time good, one time bad" he would write me. He never excused himself. For the reason that none of you men ever asked questions, he valued your friendship highest. His letters told me that over and over.

My hope is that I may live with the same desire to live, and be able to maintain as much self control and personal discipline as my 'kid brother' displayed.

Most sincerely yours,

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