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Mr. and Mrs. George Mills
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Dear Friends:

I have your greeting card and the little personal note, and I know you have done splendid work in your special line of building electrical plants.

I note also that you will be sixty-five in July, the same month in which I will be eighty. My advice to you is not to quit altogether. While it would be impossible for me to carry on with the vigor that I had many years ago, neither is it necessary for me to do so. Yet I come to the office every day and keep in reasonably close touch with what is going on. My son, Dolph, who was first associated with the business when seven years old as a paper carrier on Massachusetts Street, has been serving as publisher for a number of years and carries the load.

He in turn has two fine sons. The oldest, Dolph, Jr., will graduate this spring from the University and shows special skill in writing, in public speaking and in the ability to get along with people. Incidentally, he ranks seventh in the United States as a punter in football. ^{owing} to the war he expects to be called to the service after graduation; otherwise, he would immediately enter our employ.

I take it that you are vigorous at sixty-five. While it might be well for you to begin to take it a bit easier, I believe you will live longer and be happier by being active than you would in retirement, and in trying to find happiness in first one place and then another.

You did not mention Bill in your note. Bill showed real ability when quite young and has a very charming wife. I have no doubt they are doing well.

By the way, Mr. Dudley of Houston, who publishes oil magazines and who is more or less active in the oil industry,