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Dear Robert & Cora:

I have hesitated in writing concerning the invitation to bring a message to the Folk reunion because I wanted to give you an affirmative answer but my cardiologist suggested very strongly that I forget about accepting it and hope that I am invited to do so another year. He still watches me very closely and at times, I think if he'd let me do more than I can do, I would not have the shortness of breath that I experience quite often. I'm sorry I am giving this negative reply so late in the year.

Mr. Mullie has come to our station from V.A. Charleston and he owns a lot in a new area, on a lagoon, at Hilton Head. He is a dentist and very proud of his investment on the island.

I have been in touch with the Chaplain at V.A. Charleston, concerning Otis' condition. He seems to be recovering from his myocardial infarction and has experienced no pain since entering the hospital. Barney's bleeding ~~sores~~ ulcers have kept him home for a few weeks, says Paul & Uncle Brewster seems to be very ill in Hampton General.

After talking with Paul I felt pretty good myself. Carolyn & Dorothy had a "holiday" this past weekend up in Phillipston, Mass. Carolyn enjoys the winter sports & with 5 days from school, she had to go somewhere. Some of the girls from The Hannah More Academy were flying to Bermuda or France - or going to Vermont skiing. Nothing like trying to compete with the wealthy Episcopalians.

At a recent V.A. Conf. in D.C. I met a Jim Edwards, a schoolmate of yours, Robert, and he asked that he be remembered to you. He spoke very highly of you and was interested in hearing of your whereabouts. He has been at the V.A. Hosp. in Bronx N.Y. for many years.

This is a busy weekend for my household. Paige Melissa Peeples will be baptized here Saturday and our home will have nine extras. Then in March she'll be with us for a ~~month~~ <sup>couple</sup> weeks while Judy & David vacation in Europe. Says he is doing this because he may be unemployed next year - he leaves the Navy in Nov. '71.

Our best to you all and remember me  
to the family. Sincerely hope you are all  
well & happy. Faithfully, your Cousin  
Charley