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Dear Bill:

What a great pleasure to hear from you. Ginny and I have not been in Maine since we had that enjoyable visit with you and your delightful wife. We remember very clearly that you made the occasion a pleasure whereas otherwise it would have been only another academic occasion.

In response to your inquiry I must report that my contribution to the creation of the College of Osteopathic Medicine was almost nil. In conducting the study that led to "recommendations for Regional Action for Optometric, Osteopathic and Podiatric Education in New England," I did make serious approaches to several universities, including Northeastern University, with the hopes that there would be some encouraging response. None was forthcoming to an extent that could have led to a college of osteopathic medicine being affiliated with one of them. You may recall that negotiations, in which you were closely involved, were being conducted at the end of the study that led to the affiliation with Saint Francis College. I did not give encouragement to this in the report that I wrote.

Now that you have accomplished so much I must confess that the results have been ever so much better than I had anticipated. It has been a struggle for which you and your colleagues deserve much commendation.

When I was with you a couple of years ago I could detect some strains and problems that the College was facing. Such issues are common in most enterprises. But you are prevailing and your intentions to record the progress is wise. Greetings and best wishes from both Ginny and me.

Sincerely yours,

  
William K. Selden