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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The thoughts of all of us here in the Office of Brazilian Affairs are with you as you recover from yesterday's operation. Our thoughts also go out to Mrs. Elbrick and Valerie, who have suffered with you yet another rude blow of fate. We are all encouraged, however, by the news of your improvement this morning and wish you all the best for a continued rapid recovery. We are here ready to help you and Mrs. Elbrick in any way we can. Please call on us if we can do anything at all. I look forward to visiting you as soon as this is convenient to you and desirable.

Bill Ellis, Mildred and your colleagues and staff in Rio join us in these best wishes for your health and happiness, as do the Boonstras, the Dubses and your many friends in the Department. Minister Veloso, Alex Kafka, Helio Beltrão and others of the Brazilian delegation to the CIAP review have asked especially to be remembered to you and send their good wishes. You have already heard from the Valentines, and John Crimmins' message is attached.

And Doris joins me in our personal expression of concern, friendship, hope and best wishes.

Very sincerely,

Enclosures;

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