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[1969]

Hi:

I haven't noticed one bit of difference in the workload since Hugh left. If anything, the whole workload has increased. I know it sounds impossible, and I'll be darned if I know where it's coming from.

None of us here in the office will ever complain again once Hugh gets back. We sure miss him. I don't even like to see Mr. Dickinson sitting behind Hugh's desk.

I don't know if I told you in my last letter, but we did hear from your son. He had spent some time with his sisters in California and was quite pleased with what he saw. He bragged about his niece cooking for him. (I can't type worth a damn)

I would like to think that you were sending me the candlesticks because you think a lot of me too. I think a lot of Hugh, but I am also quite fond of his dad.

Do take care of yourself and hurry back to see us.

Chris [Galagher]

120 Mc Carty Hall

January 23, 1967

Dear Dr. Wilson:

That rascal son of yours left here on Friday, January 20, for San Francisco and was supposed to spend the night and part of the next day with his sisters. (It's about time - huh?) I sure hated to see him go, only hope that he can get some much needed rest. I'm really worried about him.

In answer to your question regarding Karl Reiner Fick - he has been accepted at the University of Florida for the September, 1967 semester - classified as 3 AG. They said that he should have received his notification by now.

I was so sorry that you and Hugh couldn't go on your trip at Christmastime. I do hope that you don't have to make many more of those trips to California, hope things have been worked out if possible.

I would love to come to Antigua in the worst way. If I didn't crack up last week though, I probably have it made for awhile. It was real odd getting a letter from you at the time it arrived, you had been on my mind so much. It is good to have you around here, you're good to boost my moral and believe <sup>me</sup> it needed boosting last week, besides I thoroughly enjoy your company.

I did tell you that I liked brass candlesticks - in fact all brass objects. I also wanted to know how much dishes like Hugh has in his apartment cost.

Hugh told me that he wrote you before he left for Vietnam. I do wish that we could get him to slow down and not to take on any more responsibilities. He has to learn to become an administrator and delegate responsibility to people under him, and not try to do it all himself. No one can do a complete job of anything if there is too much for one person to start with.

I still have my moments of palpitation where he is concerned - which is ridiculous I admit, but just can't seem to help it. I hope that he never suspects it, 'cause if he did, I'd quit on the spot. Do you think that he has any inkling of my school girl crush?

It was wonderful hearing from you and do it again. When are you returning to Gainesville?

Take good care of yourself for us.

With love  
"Chris"

Wednesday Aft.  
24 May 1967

Hi! I enjoyed your "year old card" and the message. Hugh says you'll be up here in a couple of weeks. I hope we can spend some time together.

Hugh might tell you - I'm seriously looking for another job. I could cry just thinking about it - in fact I can't talk much to him about it cause I would cry. I used to look forward to coming to work I but not much lately. I told you some of the problems - and Hugh says they're a lot my fault & maybe he's right. You know how I feel about your son & I hate to leave him. (Dope - my feelings haven't changed yet) No matter where I work I hope you & I can always have time for a lunch & talk.

You & Hugh enjoy each other on this visit.

Take good care of yourself.  
With love -  
"Chris" [Gallagher]



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June 20, 1968

Dear Dr. Wilson:

Sam Snedaker just left the office and told me that evidently you had received conflicting stories on Hugh's accident.

I have kept quiet because Hugh didn't want me to call you - said he was going to write you. However, rather than having you down there worrying about him and hearing all kinds of reports on Hugh - - I'll try to start at the beginning and fill you in.

About 7:30 P.M. on May 22 - I received a call from the Medical Center Emergency Room informing me that Hugh had been brought in, had been in an accident and wanted me notified. Frankie and I immediately went over there and he was in X-Ray. We got him admitted into the hospital and when he was brought out of X-Ray, we talked to him and then I talked to the doctors. Both of his legs were broken and he had some cuts and abrasions, especially on his right leg. They took him into surgery that night and set his legs and put both legs in cast up to his groin. Then the time of waiting to see of circulation would return to both feet, which it has and did after a few days. They have done some skin graft on both legs because of the abrasions and he had a 95% take on the skin graft, which is a wonderful percent on this sort of thing. (tough Popenoe skin, I guess) He was released from the Medical Center on Saturday, June 8 and went into the nursing home where he will be for awhile.

They are working on getting his left leg in shape and out of the cast so he can walk around on crutches. The right leg was banged up worse and will take a longer period of time to heal.

He's doing beautifully really - I know that for a person with his nervous energy, it must be hell having to stay in bed; but I'm sure he knows he's lucky that he still has both feet. He's been an angel really! He's only missed two days from working. He has his office in his room and stays real busy - which is excellent therapy for him. He still has a long road ahead of him however.

On the Monday before he was hurt on Wednesday I really nagged him about taking a vacation. He looked like he was on his last mile. Believe me, the rest he's getting now is not hurting him one bit.

Bill Mathews is taking care of the farm for Hugh. The pastures are beautiful as are the cows. He should have a new crop in January or February. He's had a good bull at work out there. He will be so happy when he can go out there and have a look for himself.

~~calves~~  
calves I mean

I do pray that I'm not in your dog house for not writing you sooner. There was really nothing anyone could do for Hugh and Hugh ~~ix~~ did not want you to leave Guatemala and come up here just to worry about him.

The nursing home is a very nice and comfortable place. He even has a TV which I never thought I'd see. I had his phone transferred from the apartment to the nursing home - so he still has the same number. 376-8556. He has lots of company, too much some times. I did see him every day until this week, and decided that I was taking up too much of his time and <sup>now</sup> see him every two or three days. I still talk ~~ix~~ to him every day on the phone and run errands for him. I do wish I could do more for him, but as I said, there's really nothing anyone can do. You know my feelings for him.

Take real good care of yourself and let me hear from you.

With love,  
"Chris" [Gallagher]

P. S. I am so sorry that the Chris coming down this summer was not Chris Gallagher. I would truly love it as you well know. I do hope someday ~~x~~ you and I can see lots of Guatemala.

I'm not sure Hugh told you but the Hotel Thomas has been sold and is being used by ~~Sante~~ Sante Fel Jr. College. The next time you're up here, we'll just find someplace else.

March 26, 1969

Dear Dr. Wilson:

Surgery went well. It only took about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours which surprised me. Surgery involved taking a piece of bone from his hip and "planting" it in his right leg. He was out of recovery room - to x-ray and back in his room at 4:10 P.M. At that time of course, he was in a lot of pain. He had a spinal and was conscience throughout surgery.

I just returned to the office from seeing him and he's fine. His eyes look tired, but not many people would even notice that. Tomorrow should be his bad day - for pain that is.

I talked to his surgeon, Dr. Enneking, yesterday afternoon. The good "Doc" said surgery went very well, but that the full recovery period was still a long way off, which we already knew. I also asked how much shorter the right leg would be than the left and he said 1", which is less than I had thought - but for which I am so very thankful. An inch can be corrected so easily by a shoe which is barely noticeable. Anyway, don't worry about him, I'll see that he has good medical attention and go check on him every day. I still haven't gotten over my personal feelings, however any that he had I'm sure are gone. He'll always be "special" to me. *(for him)*

Have to stop this rambling and get back to work.

Give my best to your bride.

Sincerely,  
"Chris"



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March 6, 1970

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua, Guatemala

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Now that business has been taken care of - How are you two? When are you coming back to Gainesville for a visit? Frankie and I still would like to have you for dinner sometime.

Hugh is "off the crutches" and uses only a walking cane and not that always. He is back to walking almost as fast as he used to do. It's probably a good thing that he is so damn stubborn!

Have to get to work - Give my love to that sweet wife of yours. I truly don't know when I've enjoyed meeting someone as nice as she. Take good care of her because I believe she deserves "the best".

*With love,  
Chris*

W. L. Tait  
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