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Dear Doctor Gross:

As I look back over the past three years of my experiences in the Surgical Laboratory, I find that they have contributed almost as much to my training as the Medical School courses themselves.

I find myself much indebted to you as well as to Dr. Watkins, for while none of my work could have been attempted without your inspiration and guidance, you have at the same time provided abundant facilities and have created a most permissive atmosphere in the Laboratory, so that independent investigation was not only possible, it was enjoyable. In a medical school which places so much value on teaching its students to educate themselves, and to do some measure of creative thinking, it is hard to imagine more ideal conditions than these.

I am unable to command the words that would tell you the extent of my gratitude for all of your personal help, but perhaps this letter will express some of my appreciation. You have taught me much of the art of writing a good medical paper. You have impressed me with the necessity of clarity and simplicity in presenting the results of an investigation. Your evaluation of my work has been very encouraging to me. But most important of all, by your example, you have emphasized the pre-requisites to becoming a good surgeon.

I am enclosing a check for \$500.00, the Borden Prize, awarded for my thesis on the septal defect and heart block experiments. I hope you will add this to the Laboratory budget, and use it either as a fund for medical students who might wish to start a project of their own, or to help out in the



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pump-oxygenator experiments, whichever you find to be more immediately useful.

Although internship promises to be a very busy year, I am going to try to get over to the Lab in my spare time, to perfect the heart block repair technique. The idea is working very well, but there are a number of things left to do in order to make it practical clinically.

With best regards to Mrs. Gross and the family, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Judah Folkman