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Dear Neil

I was very kind of you and your wife to come and see me here and I greatly appreciated it. As I am sure you noticed, I had a worrying chest infection – I do hope that neither of you caught it!!

I thank you also, and if I may, through you the other members of the Association, for the crest and for taking the trouble to produce the certificate. It is quite excellent and I am far from sure that I deserve it.

It was a great privilege to be your President for those many years and it was only severe deafness that caused me to quit. As I said to Roger Austin, you are a great bunch of chaps and the Association is as strong as it is because of the spirit you all have.

Again, many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

John Sutter