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Dear Francois and Denise:

I am sorry it has been so long since I have written you. It was so good to learn that Francois was able to make a visit and do some work in Australia.

I am glad to hear that Cecile and Paul have good professions in Melbourne and I am sure a visit will be most welcome. Glad also to hear that Arnaud is doing well in law school.

For me very little exciting has happened except a series of surgeries which I hope for now that they will be behind me. I am starting to get my strength back and am even doing a little stone work.

There is a chance that a dear friend of mine may pay a brief visit to Bordeaux on his way to Malaysia. He will be doing six weeks' consultation in chemical research. He was the first one to use the electron microscope to determine the crystalline structure changes in silica minerals. This was back in 1940 and we have recently got together and made contact again. He has had a most exciting life and I think you would find him a most interesting person.

I will close for now, but this is just a note to tell you I am getting along fine and hope no more surgeries.

Your friend,

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