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Dr. Fred W. Rankin, Lexington, Ky.

Dear Dr. Rankin;

I merely wish to congratulate you on the honest, courageous, forthright statement made by you in your address to the American College of Surgeons recently. I have attempted to maintain such a position for a number of years. It is often difficult, because of the inertia in the thinking of our fellow practitioners. Most apparantly feel that nothing more is or should be expected of them after they exert good professional and scientific judgement, that what the other fellow does is none of their business, and if the public gets caught it is his own fault and responsibility. The old "public be dammed" attitude has rather thoroughly permeated the medical profession, even as business and industry has generally attained a more understanding and responsible attitude.

For your interest I am enclosing two reprints of similar presentations I have made along the same line.

We need many more men such as you.

Sincerely yours,

John T. T. Hundley, M. D.