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Dear Mr. Tashjian:  
Dear Dr. Mason: Thank you for your letter of March 19 concerning Franz Chernigoy. In 1952 he came to my laboratory looking for work as a chemist, and remained with me until the time your Dean Dr. Nelson offered him a post. Thus his friends were the various members of the Biochemistry Department at the American University of Beirut. He was closely associated also with a group of students who lived together in a cooperative house--a fraternity--for he was the resident "father". I shall send word to Beirut about his death, for publication in the University Bulletin.

May I have the address of his sister Josa whom you mention in your letter? I would like to write her about my own friendship with Franz.

Undoubtedly the executor appointed to settle his estate will discover among his papers the deed to a house he bought recently, also a trailer in which he lived, as he wrote me in December. When he came to the United States he had an account with Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner and Smith, and this was transferred to the branch nearest to him, presumably in Iowa City. It is possible that he closed this in order to purchase the house, but Merrill Lynch should be consulted, for he had a number of investments held in the brokers name.

Franz had kept me informed of the general nature of his studies on biochemical changes in patients from whom portions of the stomach had been removed. I suppose this was done under your direction.

A number of the clinical professors in the Medical School knew Franz, and I am sure they would be interested in the causes of his death. From your letter I conclude that his illness came to light only when he suffered a coronary occlusion. Any details you can give me would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Kerr:

I am sorry to inform you that Mr. Chernigoy was admitted to the hospital on January 18, severely ill with diabetes and a variety of complications. He was in the coronary care unit for a time and in intensive care until his death on February 10. His sister, Josa, in Yugoslavia requested that we have a Catholic service, and after the church service, Franz was buried in the Catholic cemetery here in Iowa City. Because there are no relatives in this country I have asked the University attorney to proceed with the appointment of an executor, namely, one of the Iowa City banks. In trying to find any indication of a will or an attorney, I looked through Franz's things in his desk here in the laboratory and found this unopened letter from you, which I enclose.

Sincerely yours,

Edward E. Mason, M.D.

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