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Dear Jim,

This is to tell you that I deeply appreciated your remembering my birthday (86 now) and the kind greetings you sent me.

And, congratulations to you on the completion of 10 years as President of MUSC and your important contributions to the university.

Earlier this year my neurological condition completely incapacitated me. Surgery on my cervical spine at the end of March gave me a new lease on life and continued membership in the "Indestructible Club". Even though I remain severely handicapped with a spastic paresis and ataxia of both lower extremities, I manage to travel and work with my brain - trips thus far to Brazil in early June, to Italy in June-July - with the help of a wheel-chair. On Sept 10-12 I will be at Winston-Salem, N.C. for a lecture at Bowman Gray School of Medicine; on Sep 14 off to Mexico City for consultations with the Minister of Health and his staff about the mass use of aerosolized measles vaccine ^{for the global eradication of measles} and in mid-October back to Italy for lectures and more prizes.

Before my time is up, I hope to be in Charleston again at least once. All the best - Albert
President James B. Edwards, MUSC, Charleston, S.C.