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Dr. Henrietta BANTING,
Women's College Hospital,
76 Grenville Street,
Toronto - 2
Canada

Dear Lady Banting,

Kindly allow me to send you a commemorative silver medal representing the effigies of Sir Frederick Grant Banting and Professor Charles Herbert Best, the discoverers of insulin.

These silver medals are not on sale as they have been presented only to you, to Professor Best, Professor Wallace Graham and to all speakers at the 20th International postgraduate medical course held at Karlovy Vary - Spa in our country. Altogether only 25 were minted. The same medals in bronze could be bought by the doctors who took part in the course and the remaining medals can be still purchased.

The 20th International course was devoted to diabetes mellitus and was in addition organized to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the great discovery, which has already saved countless lives.

The idea to commemorate this outstanding event in the history of medicine with such a medal is due to a member of the organizing Committee, whose name is Dr. Jiří Kolominský and who is a consulting physician and chief of a branch of the Research Institute of Balneology at Karlovy Vary.

Kindly accept this medal; the unique reason for coining ^{it} was to recall to the medical world the outstanding work of the two great Toronto research workers.

Believe me

respectfully yours



Professor František Lenoč, M.D.

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18. 1. 1963

The Right Honorable
Lady Henrietta Banting, M.D.,
Women's College Hospital
76, Grenville Street
Toronto

Dear Lady Banting,

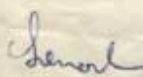
I have received your kind letter with great pleasure as I was already anxious whether the commemorative medal would reach you in order. I am completely of your opinion that medicine is an international science knowing no differences as to nationalities, religions, politics and other aspects which still divide humanity.

The sad news of the death of my very good and highly esteemed friend Wallace Graham was wired to me immediately by our mutual friend Dr. Philip Hanch and I received a second wire from Dr. Donald Graham. It was a great shock to me and it must have been a terrible blow to Mrs. Graham. I was with them in Toronto in 1958 and had then the opportunity to see what a happy and exemplary family they were. I have immediately written a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Graham but I think there are hardly any words able to bring consolation all the more so as Wallace's passing away was so sudden.

I am very glad that I could give you as small token as appreciation of the great man you had the privilege to accompany in life.

It will be a great honour to me if I once have the opportunity of meeting you in person.

Sincerely Yours


Professor František Lenoch, M.D.