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Dear Jimmy -

I had to make up my mind in a hurry to come to Houston as I had lost blood three times since Feb. 1 and the doctor in New York told me it was coming from the colon, & I knew it had to come from higher up in the intestinal tract. I would have gone to Boston to the Soker Clinic but I had to leave just when the airplane would leave and train travel north rather uncertain and I knew I was losing too much blood to have any delays. When I got here, they found I had a new bleeding ulcer, and after five days told me an operation was the only solution. It was a drastic measure in my condition but things went well. They found I had no cancer, or tumors, or other condition, and left me with little of my stomach. Since last Sunday I am at the hotel in a comfortable

fortnight, + I have a nurse who comes in from
7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for I'm still shaky on my feet
and that also gives Marion a chance to get out
some. It has been very hard on Marion. It will be a
long good back to normal eating and getting my
strength back. I feel quite good but quite weak +
have lost an awful lot of weight - look like picture
of an Indian famine victim as we used to see them
in the papers! The doctors say everything is going
normally, of course for me it seems very slow.

Sam Katz + Grace were here during the
first week. Sam is in New York and returning
today to Houston + Grace returns from Tucson
where she went to see her sister. We
may be able to return with them to Mex. in
the middle of this next week. I won't
leave here until the doctors say it's
quite all right for me to do so. This

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business of learning to eat again with a small
new stomach is a slow and not too pleasant
a process but I suppose his luck at that.
It has been as hard on Marion as a way as
on me - but she has stood it very well.
I hope this operation will cure most of the
ills that have bothered me so. The
maltà fever seems to have disappeared,
intensely - and the nervousness is ever so
much less.

all the best to you & mine and the
family. We may be with you in the
year. all the best -

Faithfully

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