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Dear Joe,

I have just finished reading '*Stroke*'. It is a moving and thought-provoking document. Clay's trauma was an overwhelming burden, which he bore with the help of his friends. As an emotional experience, I cannot say that I am glad to have read the book, for it has made me sad and reminded me of our mortality.

On an intellectual level, I want to congratulate you both for the very fine exposition, the descriptions which are so personal and clear, and the picture of aphasia which I have never seen before. It set me to recalling the many months I spent in the Bellevue library exploring the works of Goldstein and Jackson, Critchley and Lashley to recall a few; works that were indecipherable and impersonal to me then. Your volume seems so much better, I can see it of help in the residency programs and in the care of patients and their families who may have the same experience.

On another level, I am pleased that one of my friends has created such a memorable volume. I congratulate you. Your loyalty and friendship shine through and I feel that Clay has indeed been fortunate in one respect, to have had you as a co-worker and friend.

In thinking about the book as a reviewer might, I can find little that I could criticize or question. I thank you for thinking of me, and sharing your work with me.

My best personal regards to you and Nora, and to Clay.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.