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May Heaven preserve you - life, health, above all your well earned reputation for integrity of heart, & whether you are destined to remain longer or shorter in public life, may you come forth at last unscathed, bearing honors fresh & perennial.

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