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December 10, 1969

Dr. William C. Francis
327 North Cedar Avenue
Cookeville, Tennessee

Dear Bill:

I want to personally thank you for the special interest you have taken in Jack Stites. The entire family is pleased at the results of Jack's operation and especially happy the way you handled his case. Jack had lost confidence in the team doctor here in Abilene and needed someone in whom he had confidence to make that decision about his knee.

I was saddened recently to learn of your wife's death. You have been a great inspiration to me in the faithful and kind way you have cared for her during her long illness. I want you to know of my personal concern and admiration for you through what must have been a very difficult time and what continues to be a very sad one. I will be remembering you in my prayers these next few weeks and months as your responsibilities as a father take on even more significant meaning.

Coach Wally Bullington of Abilene Christian College has heard of your special program for knee rehabilitation by Jack Stites. Coach Bullington is deeply interested in knowing about this program. We have already had six knee operations this year on starters for the ACC football team. With a season record of 8 and 2, these six knees could have made the difference in an undefeated season. If you have anything on paper, or if you could quickly outline the program you have devised for Tennessee Tech., Coach Bullington would appreciate hearing from you. You could simply address the letter to him at Abilene Christian College, ACC Station, Abilene, Texas, 79601.

I wanted to write for two basic reasons, however. First, to let you know of my sorrow at learning of your wife's death. Second, to let you know how much I personally appreciate the way you handled Jack Stites.

Sincerely yours,

John Allen Chalk

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