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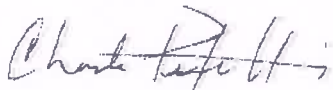
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My Dearest Peng Dan Lin:

I am so sad that you are leaving those of us still on earth. I wish you a peaceful journey. You have been an inspiration to so many as a professor and mentor, as well as a distinguished scientist. You have had an important influence on me from the time I first met you in Beijing so many years, both directly and through your students.

My interest in Chinese reading and written language was prompted and nurtured by some amazing students who came from you to study with me in Pittsburgh, beginning with your student Sulan Zhang in the late 1980s and Tanlin Hai in early 1990s. I am grateful to have known you. I think of you with deep fondness.

Please accept my deepest remembrance during this time.



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