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Dear Friends:

We've been home in the desert for about three months now. I happen to love it. Todd and Mark were here for the Thanksgiving holiday. Every day is the same for me as I eat through the tube. I was in the hospital for a trip to the E.R., then an overnight stay for constipation, but now things are moving along fine.

We've had a lot of people come to visit, including June & Paul Schorr, Charlie Price, Fred Gould, the Harrington's, Chase Morsey & Bev, Bill Moss and Linda Tullis. I'm sorry to leave some names out, but you get the picture. I love to have friends come by. I love talking until I get tired and need to rest. So, if you're in the area, please stop by and say "hi".

Other than that, I am doing as much exercise as I can – Pilates, strength training, weight training, and swimming when it is warm enough. I couldn't get along without the loving care I receive from David, Yuriy and the others.

I feel sorry for Toni, who's now in charge of our finances. Ever since I gave her the job, the market has gone to hell. I believe it will come back. A good friend said we're going through a real change. Things will never be what they were before. I happen to agree with that. Although I didn't vote for Obama, I am anxious to see him do well.

I've now read about 170 books this year. Right now, I'm reading "Simple Genius" by David Baldacci. I remained on one Board and that is Eisenhower Medical Center. I've resigned from the others as I can't really go to the meetings anymore. I'll be resigning from Eisenhower soon.

Toni joins me in sending our best. I'll take advantage of this opportunity to wish all of you Happy Holidays and a heartfelt New Year filled with great health and success. Take care.

Chuck

P.S. I'm living on borrowed time ... I intend to keep it up.