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Dear Stanley --

It was a wonderful surprise to hear from an old friend in Athens. We think of you often here. Incidentally, a year or two ago --while recouping from a bout with typhoid fever -- I put together a Globe promotion booklet on the history of the Boston race ... records, charts, pictures, etc.

I've requested our Promotion Dept. to get one into the mail for you today .It is complete up to this April's race, won in record time (2:15:33) by McKenzie of New Zealand.

I thank you, too, for the generous offer should I be covering the European Championships in '69, although it is unlikely I will be there . Following the Olympics at Mexico City the paper is unlikely to spend any large sum of money on international events for two years or so.

Delighted to hear how well your children are doing. You must be proud of them. I will attempt to contact Harry Demeter. I am not too familiar with the local shipyard situation, except to know through the public prints that there has been a big ~~xxx~~ reduction in government contracts there (Fore River) and that the old days when a new keel was being laid every month seem to have gone .

Did you note the fantastic 2:09:33 Marathon time of Clayton of Australia at Fukuoka in Japan about a week ago ? Although it is a notorious flat course , the fact he beat the old record for it by more than four minutes suggests that Clayton

is an unusual runner. He defeated McKenzie(third) by 4:03, and in Boston we have reason to believe that McKenzie is one of the fastest men in the world.

The 75th Boston race will be coming up sooner than you think. No. 72 will be raced next April. I know the Boston A.A. people will be thrilled to hear of your contemplated " sentimental journey " here.

I fear you will hardly recognize Boston now. The face of the city has changed dramatically in the past few years . Even the Marathon no longer finishes on ~~Exeter~~ Exeter street, but now is concluded in a modern plaza at the 57-story new Prudential Building. The race you won was the last one in which the race officials permitted automobiles on the course. As a result, the runners no longer have to inhale those obnoxious fumes en route. The times, as a result, have become much faster now.

The old Globe Building, where you once visited with me, has long since been torn down. The paper has been located on the southside of the city now for the past nine years --in a handsome building which is rated one of the finest newspaper plants in the world .

I , of course , probably have changed, as well -- although the hair is still abundant it now grows grey. And the family circle has been enhanced by TEN grandchildren.

Jock (John) Semple of the Boston A.A., with whom I spoke on the phone moments ago, sends his fondest regards, Ol' John Kelley is still competing and finishing Marathons. He recently ran in 2:40:51 --not a bad for a fellow 59 years old. He travels over the course faster than I can follow him on a typewriter. Hah.

My best,

Jerry Nason