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My dear Mr. O'Loughlin:

Today is January 10th, 12 Noon, and since I do NOT have any lesson to study (except review) this will probably be a good time to honor your request that I tell you something about myself.

I am a very old man - having lived more than my allotted years of three score and ten years, and yet, I am a young man - young in mind and heart - young when I am out on some lot playing softball with my grand children - and young, as we roll on the floor while doing our exercises - you see, I am a physical culturist.

I am a very, very old man when I remember that I have lived THREE LIFE TIMES, and in THREE different worlds - and as I sit and study for my initiation into my FOURTH LIFETIME, and this LIFETIME, will also be in a different world.

Sometimes, for a fleeting moment, I permit myself the luxury of drifting back, and thumb through the pages of my "BOOK OF MEMORIES", and drift through nostalgic reminiscent days of long, long ago - when (to me) the world was young, and love was new. Those days were wonderful, but NOT for long do I have time to waste on things that are gone forever - I must <sup>be</sup> about the future, for there are so many things I want to do and there is so precious little time to do them. There are still worlds to conquer - there are too many challenges to be met, so many ideas to be explored, that I just do NOT have time to go back in the past, for I must live today, and tomorrow - and the future presents so many challenges - theres too much to do for me to dream.

Would you believe that I am one of the real pioneers of Radio, Radar, Loran, TV, and their use on Planes, missiles and satellites? That I was in Radio before the Vacuum tube was in use? And would you believe that I was in a Radio school where the great Thomas A. Edison was a Consulting Engineer - and where John Mills, Jr., an early Electrical wizard often lectured us? That I spent 20 years as a Radio Officer on USN and U. S. Shipping Board ships? That I spent 19.3 years in Radio, Electric and Electronics at the great Glenn L. Martin Company at Baltimore, which is now known as the Martin Marietta Corp.? That I helped bear the growing pains of Electronics that today is so

commonplace, that even the children in Junior High School today talks of missiles and satellites as you talked about the automobile at their age, and as I talked about the Log Wagon in my time. My 12 year old Grandson, Dennis, can tell you more about the 33' diameter, 12 story Saturn, than I ever knew. The difference in us, he is very proud of what he DOES know about the Saturn - me, why I am humble and embarrassed because I know enough about it, to realize just how much I DONT know about it.

That a little of my history, but there is more;  
I am like Pop Eye - "I am what I am"

I am a child of God - I am an American - born in Virginia, but adopted Maryland as my home. I am a REGISTERED democrat, but I vote American. That may need an explanation, so here it is - a Democrat is one who votes the Democratic Ticket even though the party puts up a Jack Ass - but a registered democrat will vote for the man - he will vote for what he thinks will be best for ALL AMERICANS, not just for the democrats.

In my first year in school, I was given the task of memorizing a little verse, which had a great effect on my entire life. The verse,  
"If attack is once begun, never leave it till its done,  
Be the labor great or small, do IT WELL, or NOT AT ALL."

So, it might be said, that I am a precisionist - I try to be ruthlessly efficient and coldly competent, whatever the task - whatever it is, I am going to DO THE JOB to the very best of my ability - now, I am NOT a Magician - and do NOT always succeed in what I am doing, but I sure try.

I am quite handy with tools - given the proper tools, I can do a pretty good job in many things - I can improvise tools if necessary to do the job I want to do. There are somethings I REFUSE to do - one is repair or polish an automobile - another is, I WOULD NOT even put a tube in my own radio or TV, if it never played. You see, I know that to repair an Auto, or Radio or TV, one must have the PROPER TOOLS, and be highly trained to use these tools. I do NOT have these tools, for they cost a lot of money, so I just refuse to try these jobs.

When I saw your Add in the TV Guide, I had another thing in mind to do - you see, I have always had fascination for First Aid, Medicine and Surgery - and I can do JUST ABOUT ANYTHING that a Nurse can do, but I do NOT have the paper to prove that I can do it. I know that there is a GREAT need for for such service that I could render in this line, but I dreaded the drudgery necessary to SERVE THE REQUIRED time to get the piece of paper, that would open doors to the hospitals to permit me to do the work that I am qualified to do. So, your add provided a temptation to enter my fourth LIFETIME, and to visit another world.

There is something else about me that you should know - something important. Financially speaking, I DO NOT have to work at all - but for my own peace of mind, I JUST MUST WORK - I cannot be idle - doing nothing is the hardest work I ever did in my life.

One year ago, had anyone ask me to take a job, I would have laughed at them - I often said, I would NOT work, if I was offered \$20000 a year. I was busy - I was happy. I had a lovely wife, and a beautiful home - there were 2 acres to mow - 15 fruit trees to trim and spray - umpteen shrubs to attend to. Why, on May 1st 1967, two weeks before and two weeks after, on that 2 acres there were 100 trees in bloom - from 3 feet to 30 feet high, the apple trees, dogwoods, red and white, the Judas trees and Lilacs always bloomed in Maryland at the same time - it was a paradise - it was beautiful, and I was happy.

We had a daughter in Orlando, Fla - A son in Slidell, and the other twin son in Glenwood Springs, Colo. So our children were all gone, many of our friends had either moved away or died. So my wife and I were very much alone - we decided to sell the Estate and travel - travel between our children, live near them, NOT with them - could go where we wanted to for the rest of our lives, limited only by my wife's health. She was quite ill, but we still travelled - August 1962, she was given six months to live - but with my Nursing ability, the finest Doctors available, and by God's will, I kept her 4 years and 10 months. During this 4 years and 10 months, I never left her day or night, week in and week out, as the months and years rolled by, for more than 2 to 2½ hours at a time - then only to shop for food or medicine. I was the Nurse, the housekeeper and cook - but we were happy, we had each other.

Then on June 7th, Jesus came and took her away - she was buried June the 10th - the settlement of our home sale came on June 12th - so all at once, I am alone in the world, no wife, no home, no where to go, nothing to do, with the rest of my life to go and do it - NOTHING. Well, guess I was pretty badly broken up - my little grandson, Dennie, 12, was with me - we took off from Baltimore and hit the road, Pa. Ohio, 3 cities, Indiana, Illinois, Lexington, Ky, Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama, then to Dennys home in Slidell. When he went to school, I went back to Baltimore, and flew to London, and Cardiff Wales - in all these travels I was visiting relatives - since June 7th I have driven 9,000 miles and flown 11,000. But one cannot RUN AWAY FROM THEMSELVES. I came back to Slidell, and saw your ADD in the TV guide. Now, remember Mr. O'Loughlin, YOU ASK FOR THIS - I did NOT forge it on you. Again, ALL OR NOTHING, right?

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