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Dear Uncle Michel,

All of us Edmonton members of the de Savoye-Hardy clan are hoping that you are continuing to make a speedy recovery from your operation.

Uncle George and I are in the process of having a metal shed installed in my back yard so that George will have a place to store all his decoys for his duck hunting. He had been storing them in the backyard shed that Georgie had built at Mother & Father's house on Edinboro Road, but that house will be sold now that Mother has passed away. I sincerely hope that your grief and sorrow at losing your sister has not hampered your own recovery from your operation too greatly. I know that the loss of my mother has been a tremendous blow to me, as it has been also to my brothers Steve and Tony. However, God has ordained that we must all feel some tragedy in our lives. It has happened to both of us before, and perhaps it helps us to accept our own eventual fate with greater serenity.

Mother's passing has made me treasure more than before my precious family ties. My wife Veronica and I are right now in the midst of organizing for posterity in family photo albums the many beautiful photographs of the de Savoye family. We are using the family tree you provided us a few years ago as the means of identifying many of the older photos. Your father (my grandfather) took several of the best photos. We also found an album of pictures from my father's side of the family (circa. 1912-1919) among my mother and father's possessions. We already have several of our own albums filled with more recent photos (including trips by you and Annette, and Robert and his family out West); and the new albums we are about to fill with these priceless photos that mother France had gathered and stored will be a good adjunct to the Family Tree you so painstakingly put together.

I have but one small problem. None of us here in Edmonton can identify the person

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in the photograph at the top of page 1 of this letter. He is obviously very athletically inclined and most certainly a de Savoye with those dark, handsome features. But his name escapes us. Can you possibly help us in identifying him?

Please keep us posted on the latest news from the Quebec members of the clan.

Sincerely,

*Nephew Alex*

