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Dear David:

Enclosed is a proposed Legacy letter. I also feel that it is presumptuous of me to give advice, and if I do so, I try to be as succinct as possible. So if you think this letter is lacking, please let me know in what ways I can improve it. Thank you for asking me to participate.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. L. Boyd".

Willard L. Boyd  
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Enclosure

Although I am 80 years of age now, my life's values were set when I was your age. Our family, our communities greatly influence our values. While you may think that the older generation gives too much advice, they do so with affection and concern for your future. Here are a few thoughts about important values which you are cultivating right now.

The world is filled with others as well as you. It belongs to everyone without regard to race, gender, creed or other differences. Be affirmative about others. Respect others.

Others give meaning to our lives. Be interested in others and you will be interesting to others. Be committed to others and they will be committed to you.

Be trustworthy. Always be honest. Be dependable when you agree to do something.

Embrace that which is unfamiliar to you. Different people, different places, different times will enlarge your view of the world.

Do not delay doing that which you need to do. There is no good time to do anything, so do it now rather than later.

Change is constant. Embrace it with enthusiasm. Keep your mind open and inquiring.

Adopt a set of timeless beliefs to hold firm in order to maintain your identity and integrity throughout your life.

Utilize all the time of your life. Participate fully. Look forward. Continue to grow. As long as you live, you have a future.

Best wishes for your exciting never ending frontier of your life.