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Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Goodman
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Goodman:

I believe that the issues which moved your son to do what he had to do are so universal in our search for the meaning of life that it gives a stranger as myself the license to intrude upon the privacy of your agony of uncertainty.

I fully realize the emptiness of any words of consolation, but I believe it important to many of us that we tell you of our horror, and that in our own limited way we share your suffering. From the beginning of time the limping, reluctant steps of mankind towards a human life has always been streaked with tears and tragedy and, as we well know, in so many events the decision is arrived at not only by the manner of our life but of our death. What in my groping words I am really trying to say is to express for millions of people our deep personal gratitude to you for having brought ^{Andrew} Robert into this world and brought him up to think and act as he has.

Respectfully,

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