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Dear Arthur:

I am taking the liberty of sending you herewith a copy of a note which I have sent to Mrs. James which is self explanatory. It is a tremendous loss which she has suffered and she is a very charming and intelligent woman.

I know what a loss this is for the Times and for you, because I feel sure that as editor of your great paper he always had your full confidence, which he so fully deserved. I know what high principles you entertain and hold to so steadfastly and I am sure that he was a tower of strength to you, for he was a man of great integrity and understanding. In these days when there is so much deterioration practically everywhere in almost everything, it has been a great comfort to know that there are at least some who hold to high ideals and can struggle for them and maintain them in their everyday activity. The Times is our greatest paper and Jimmy was a great editor.

As you know, I am devoting myself entirely to the private activity in which I have been engaged since my retirement from the Foreign Service, but a fire horse does not lose his habits until the end, so that I follow what is going on at home and elsewhere as closely as I can and with the same, if not greater interest. No one can be happy about what is happening today and I am sure that you are not any happier than I am. I often wish that I were 20 years younger and nevertheless had the accumulated experience which I have. I should like to be more useful in these times.

You and the Times are doing a great work in these difficult days and while you will feel Jimmy's loss I am sure very much, the work will go on and I wish you every success in the great work which you are doing in a quiet and unobtrusive but effective manner.

With all good wishes,

Cordially and faithfully yours,

The Honorable Arthur Sulzberger,
The New York Times,
New York, N. Y.