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Dear Mrs Edman

Nancy Novario just wrote me the sad news of Jack's death. You may know that Jack was the closest friend of my own youth; and except for the last 10 years had still managed some intermittent contact after the War. I have thought a great deal about Jack during these years, and was saddened by his own anguish and difficulties during so much of that time. In spite of all the problems that must also have been transferred to your own and your children's shoulders, I am sure that his death is a particular loss; and I can hardly be of great help with these consolations. I did want you to know how highly I thought of Jack -- in his own style he was among the most brilliant people I have ever met, and I learned a great deal from him -- and that I just wanted to share this memory with you.

Yours truly,

John Ledwhere