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"Alma"  
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August 23, 1955

Dear Henri & Emily

Our lovely baby, most perfectly and wonderfully formed, and following a normal delivery, gave but three short cries to testify to his brief sojourn amongst us. Though his stout heart beat for about ten minutes, he never took a proper breath as the lungs remained virtually collapsed despite every effort with oxygen and stimulants.

You know how much of us was in this new life, and with what self-denial, as with what nobility and conscience Diana fulfilled her pregnancy -- all the more were we struck down by this apparently unreasoned act of God, as by a thunderbolt.

Diana's fortitude, her deep faith, her humanity and humility, are standing her in good stead during these trying days. We returned home to our adorable children, feeling that with the blessing harmony of our family life this brutal hurt must gradually heal.

We had hoped to share more cheering news with you but felt that your friendship deserved that you be allowed to share this grief with us.

Devotedly, *and with love,*

*John*