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Dear Mrs. Abercrombie,

We met only briefly in 1972 and have hardly known each other. Yet, now I feel that we must know each other well, for we were both so attached to Michael.

In very different ways of course.

Michael was far more important to me than he ever realized, I'm sure.

He was really a kind of scientific and personal ideal for me - a brilliant, careful scientist and a thoroughly decent, warm human being. Moreover, much of my scientific thinking and work stemmed from him. He was truly my teacher, as well as my friend and colleague.

It is such awful bad luck that this happened to him. He had so much more to give and to enjoy. However - so it is. Michael is gone. And we all must learn

to live without him. Especially you.
It must be very hard indeed for you.
I do not know that I can help in
any way; but I do hope that you
are finding ways of accepting it and
building your life anew.

You know, of course, that several of us
have been planning a celebration for
Michael and that it will take place
in 1981 or 1982. I look forward to seeing
you then.

In the meantime, you will be interested
to know that the Gordon Research Conference
on Cell Contact and Movement, to which I had
invited Michael, was dedicated to his memory.
This is not a small matter, for it was quite
an impressive gathering of about 50 researchers
in Michael's field, including a large number
of the very best people. I enclose an extract
from my introductory remarks, as Chairman.

With all my very best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

O. R. Jones

P.S. Please excuse the address. I know no other.