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Dear Scott:

I was leaving town when the news about Stuart's passing arrived, so I apologize for writing so belatedly. Because I was away from the office for much of the summer, I hadn't even had a chance to respond to Stuart's July 8 letter about the new book. Having that on my desk somehow made the message even more unthinkable.

I remember Stuart introducing us to you at your house and showing us all the amazing treasures you both take such delight in. I was astonished to be able to touch things that were clearly so precious. And then he took us to the gallery to see the Aztec models and paintings and a million other things. The passion and knowledge contained in that building were almost overwhelming, but Stuart was the best kind of missionary, and we all left feeling enlightened and enthusiastic.

You have been much in my thoughts these last two weeks, especially now, after the company has gone home and the awful, everyday aftermath of such a sudden and unexpected loss begins to feel real. I lost my teenaged daughter suddenly twenty years ago, and it's a rotten club to belong to. I can only believe that your many friends and your art will, after a while, help to soften the sorrow and loneliness. If there is ever anything that we can do, I hope you will let us know.

With deepest sympathy,

Sincerely,

Theresa J. May
Assistant Director
and Editor-in-Chief



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