

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 29, 1960.

Dear Miss Christopher:

I can't tell you how touched I was by your kindness in sending me the letter dictated by Mr. Emanuel. I feel as though I, too, had really lost a great friend -- and, as you know, I never met him.

Bryce Harlow talked to me at length the other day about Mr. Emanuel, in the most glowing terms. The President and Mrs. Eisenhower were shocked and greatly distressed to learn of his death, a sentiment that is shared by all of us.

It doesn't help any to say this, but I do know how you feel. Before I came down here, I worked in New York for the most wonderful woman I have ever met -- for sixteen long years. She died suddenly last March, and I still feel as though the strongest pillar of my life had crumbled. At any rate, do know I am thinking about you.

With the deepest sympathy,

Sincerely,


Ann C. Whitman.

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Dear Miss Christopher:

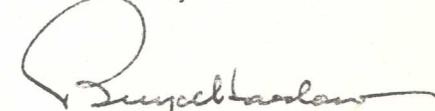
I greatly appreciate your sending me Victor's letter. I will cherish it.

We have lost one of the great men of our time. A finer intellect, a more genuine humility, a deeper devotion to the national good, a more scintillating, encyclopedic and fascinating intelligence, and a greater energy and restless eagerness to accomplish I shall never know. I am indescribably proud to have known him.

May I say also that he had an uncommon faculty of associating with him extraordinarily competent people. I salute you for your own able and faithful labors in his behalf. You have had wonderfully good fortune in being closely tied to so gifted a person.

I have sent a note, inadequate but heartfelt, to Mrs. Emanuel.

Sincerely,


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