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DEAR SIR,

I EXPECT YOU HAVE HAD MANY,MANY LETTERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD IN THE LAST FEW DAY'S,AFTER THE TRAGIC LOSS OF CHRISTA McaULIFFE IN THE SPACE SHUTTLE DISASTER.

WOULD YOU PLEASE ACCEPT THE SINCERE CONDOLANCES FROM AN ORDINARY ENGLISHMAN WHO HAS SPENT MANY HAPPY TIMES IN YOUR COUNTRY DURING DUTY WITH THE ROYAL NAVY.

IF IT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE PLEASE CONVEY THE ABOVE TO THE FAMILY OF CHRISTA,AND TO HER CLASS IN SCHOOL.

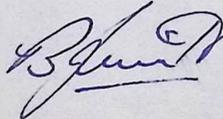
I AM SURE THAT HER MEMORY WILL LIVE FOREVER IN AMERICAN HISTORY ALONG WITH HER CO-ASTRONAUTS,WHO DIED ALONGSIDE HER IN THE TERRIBLE DISASTER YESTERDAY.

I AM NOT ASHAMED TO ADMIT THAT I CRIED WHEN I SAW THE TV NEWS IT BECOMES EVEN MORE TERRIBLE WHEN YOU SEE IT BEFORE YOUR EYES,IT IS A DEEP SHAME THAT WHAT WAS GOING TO BE SUCH A HISTORIC OCCASION TURNED TO SUCH DEEP SORROW, IN SUCH A SHORT SPACE OF TIME.

YOU CAN BE SURE THAT GOD IS LOOKING AFTER CHRISTA NOW AND HER COMPANIONS,AND THAT THEY ARE IN THE ARMS OF THE LORD,AND ARE SAVED FOREVER, I KNOW THAT CANT BE MUCH COMFORT TO YOU,BUT UNLESS WE BELIEVE IN GOD,ALL OUR SORROWS ARE FOR NOTHING.

ONCE AGAIN SIR,MY HUMBLE,AND SINCERE,CONDOLANCES.

YOURS SINCERELY,



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