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Dear Nahed,

Although we have not met, I wanted to write to you to tell you how deeply sorry I am about Nadia's tragic death. She has been one of my dearest friends for over fifteen years, ever since she, François Giuliani and I worked together in the Spokesman's Office in the '80s & early '90s (where Malak joined us one summer). We worked hard together & played hard together & had a lot of fun - I remember someone saying that they always knew when François & Nadia were on their way along the corridor to visit the Secretary-General, because they could hear the laughter. We were looking forward very much to having Nadia back with us in New York.

Nadia was smart and beautiful and opinionated and funny. She certainly had the gift of living life to the full - no half measures. She was an incredibly loyal and caring friend to me,

as well as an inspiration, both personally & professionally. I am so grateful to have known her, and will miss her terribly.

From the moment the news of the dreadful attack came out, Nadia was uppermost in the minds of an incredible number of people, and phonecalls flew round the world. Everyone was devastated when confirmation came that she had been found. I myself was shattered and can scarcely imagine the grief that you, Nadia's family, must be feeling. I do hope that you can perhaps find some comfort in the knowledge that Nadia was so loved and held in such high esteem by so many.

You & your family have been very much in my thoughts in these past days. Nadia spoke so often of you all - your parents, her beloved nieces, the holidays in the south of France in the house that made her so happy - her family was her mainstay.

Nadia was wonderful and you must be very proud of her. Words cannot properly express my sorrow, Nahed. I can only offer my heartfelt sympathy and condolences to you, your brother Fouad and your families on your terrible loss.

With warmest regards, and great fondness,

Freda Mackay