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Dear Mrs. Rossi,
It is with a heavy heart that I write to you today, regarding the untimely death of your husband, Matteo, under my care. I made sure to speak with all workers daily, and Matteo always spoke of you and your children, Dario and Francesca, with joy, love, and pride. He also talked about the thoughts, dreams, and worry he had about the future for your children.
When my university opens its doors in September, I would like to offer you and your children free education. We will have courses open to all interests and for both women and men. Courses are available individually or as part of a degree programme. In this envelope, you will find a brochure that includes all the courses offered here in the fall semester.
However, if you find that now is not the time, I can assure you that the offer will be for life. You and your children are welcome at any time. If you ever need help in any way, I will always be there for you.
My sincerest condolences in your trying time.
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