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POSTE :

Dear Don,

What terrible news! Arnaud got at home the telegram from Marie, et phoned it to us. I was just getting ready to write you, and tell you I hoped to be able to come next Easter and see you both! All these last days I was thinking about you, that we had no news for a long time, and hoping it was just because you were too busy to write, as it happens to me see. An now...

Well, in such circumstances, there is not much one can say that is really of help. I can imagine how you feel, af ter so many years together, because it is what I would feel if Denise... I can tell you that Evelyn was my favorite american woman, so nice and courageous at the same time, like we imagine the wives of pionneers must have been. Now Evelyn is gone, and we are in sorrow. It is a bloody universe, Don! If this can confort you, know that not only Denise and I, but all the people in the lab who knew Evelyn, if only for meeting her in the happy times of 1964, are with you with all their heart.

Please let me know what you plan to do in the future, as soon as you can think about it. I was so glad to be able to write that I would probably come next spring! Hold on, man! You have lots of friends in the world who think about you!

Bien amicalement, de tout mon coeur,

Your friend,

François.

P.S. Coming home, I find the exact text of Marie's telegram: Not only Evelyn died, but you are to have surgery again! Oh ,Don, that is too much for a man!

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