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January 8, 1970

Mrs. Barbara Bohannon
516 Randler
Vandalia, Ohio

Dear Barbara and Darlene:

Sue and I were driving back from our trip to Tennessee to be with our two families during the holidays when we heard a NBC radio report about the policeman who had been killed in Vandalia, Ohio. It was early in the day when we heard the report and I immediately turned to Sue and said, "Is there any possibility that could be Jim Bohannon?" We talked about you for a few minutes and then the demands of traveling that day and a minor accident in Eastland, Texas, diverted our attention from checking when we got home. Three days later we received the clippings from the Dayton Daily News about Jim's death.

There is no way to tell you how stunned and saddened we were. I remembered so many of the times we have visited with you and Jim and the girls. You have been so sensitive to our needs and have helped Sue and me so many times in the past. We have prayed for you -- even this very morning at the breakfast table as we tried to imagine how it must be without him.

If there is any way we can help you other than to continue to pray that God will give you the strength to bear the burden, or if there is anything that I can do for you or either of the girls, please feel free to call on me. We appreciated and respected Jim so deeply. We love and appreciate all of you and send you our deepest sympathy and concern.

Your brother,

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