



January 7, 2008

Mr. Terry Thompson  
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Dear Terry and Eric:

A very shaken Chad Neal called me several days ago and told me the tragic circumstances surrounding Bryan Williams' untimely death. The news seemed surreal since I had just had the opportunity to meet Bryan last November on a jobsite south of Charleston and was most impressed with him as a person and as a businessman. Everyone here at The Charles Machine Works, Inc. (CMW) that has heard the story of Bryan's passing is deeply saddened by it and joins with me in sending you our sincere condolences.

There is no question that Bryan's premature death will be indelibly etched as a defining moment in your lives and in the lives of all those who held him dear. Time has taught me that it is useless to ask "why?" during these inexplicable life experiences. I have found that a more productive question is "what now?" I believe that both of you will find a way to deal with this negative situation in light of that question and, as a result, catapult your business to greater heights than either of you may have thought possible. This would be the best of all courses of action—a fitting legacy for Bryan and a personal victory for each of you.

My preference would be to relate the sentiments contained on this page to both of you in person, face to face, hand shake to hand shake. Since time and distance will not permit that for you or me at this time, I hope it helps to know that many people you have never met, at a company you have indirectly supported for several years, are returning the favor by lifting you up in thought and prayer. God's best to both of you.

Sincerely,



THE CHARLES MACHINE WORKS, INC.  
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