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Dear Mr Mellor,

I have received the following letter from Colonel
Clive Wigman, Assistant Private Secretary to the King.

"The King is greatly distressed to hear the sad news of
the deaths of Mr Mellor and Mr Irvine, who lost their lives in
making a final attempt to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

"His Majesty asks whether you will be good enough
to convey to the families of these two gallant explorers,
as well as to the Mount Everest Committee, an expression
of his sincere sympathy.

"They will ever be remembered as fine examples of
mountaineers, ready to risk their lives for their companions
and to face dangers on behalf of science and discovery."

What the King says is what every one is saying
and I am sure a man chivalrous and valiant
than your husband never existed.

I am hoping to see you tomorrow at Cambridge.

Yours very sincerely

Francis Your husband

