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July 8, 1976

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I was saddened and shocked to learn from Bob Hope that Hugh had passed away very suddenly.

Hugh and I had a very delightful golf game at Burning Tree in September, 1974, and as I recall Hugh and I defeated Bob and his partner. After the game Hugh and Bob stopped by Bethesda Haval Hospital where my wife Betty was recovering from surgery. Hugh and I corresponded on several occasions thereafter and as a result our friendship grew.

Betty and I extend to you our deepest sympathies and condolences. We trust that God will be with you during this difficult time and will provide you with additional strength and comfort. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

If there is anything that we may do to assist you at this time, please do lat us know.

Sincerely.

Mrs. Eugh Devis Short Hills New Jersey

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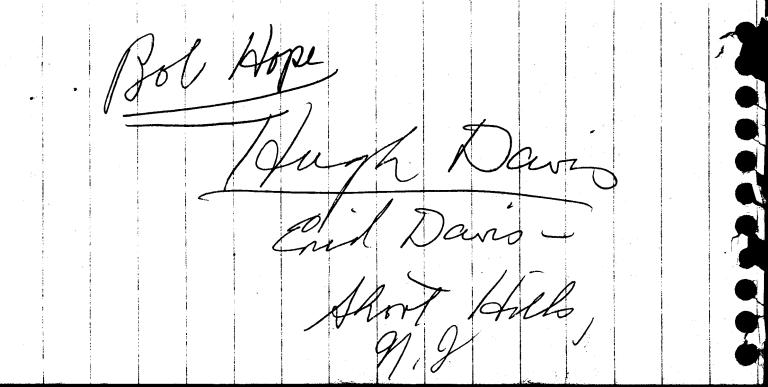
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This letter was hand delivered to Mrs. Davis by Bob Hope who is attending the funeral today.

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Dorothy Downton