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Dear [Name],

Thank you for your message concerning events this past week at Middlebury.

You will receive very shortly from the College a complete report of activities here during a time when college and university campuses everywhere were in a state of tension and unrest. I hope that you will be reassured by the factual report of the manner in which this College and its people conducted themselves during a difficult period.

Students invited their parents and our Vermont alumni to the campus during the period of suspension. Many alumni and parents came. They observed that civility, order and rationality prevailed at Middlebury despite the pressures and national tensions. Before leaving, many commended our students, faculty and staff for the manner in which events were conducted at a time of stress, and for the sense of community and respect for individual rights they noted on the campus.

With all good wishes,