Dear Vadim

I recently learned of Victor's passing. This is a sad event. I know he was old, older than many of us should expect to be and to be as active as he was. Victor and I had a very rocky start to our relationship, as I am sure you know since you were there for much of that. Over the years, I learned to greatly admire him and his knowledge of water and Central Asia. I also came to know that he was a loving a caring family man, something we all aspire to. I don't have any contacts with his family, but if there is an appropriate opportunity, please pass my condolences to them. I know that he was your long time mentor and friend, so I also, offer my condolences to you.

My very best regards,

Daene C. McKinney