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disappearance portends an obscurity as perplexing now as it was then. With so many parties focused on their rescue, their homecoming was a reliable assumption. I can offer no satisfactory explanation, their fate all the more tragic for a disappearance in a remote land which bore them no witness.

I hope you enjoy reading *Black Sunday* as much as I enjoyed researching it.

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