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HR70-14

1. THE MILITARY ATTACHE VIENTIANE HAS REPORTED TO SENIOR MILITARY HEADQUARTERS THROUGHOUT THE FAR EAST ON THE EVACUATION OF MUONG SOUL. HIS REPORT ENDS QUOTE BUT NO PRAISE CAN EVALUATE THE AIRCREWS OF THE UNARMED AND VULNERABLE HELICOPTERS WHO TIME AND TIME AGAIN DESCENDED INTO THE ENEMY CONTROLLED AREA AT MINIMUM ALTITUDE AND AIRSPEED .... THESE DEEDS SHOULD NOT GO UNNOTED TO THE MEN OF THE AIR FORCE HELICOPTER UNITS AND THEIR COMRADES OF AIR AMERICA, INC. UNQUOTE.

2. WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF SECURITY, I ASK THAT YOU MAKE KNOWN TO THE AIR AMERICA PERSONNEL CONCERNED MY PERSONAL ADMIRATION AND RESPECT FOR THEIR COURAGE AND FORTITUDE. IF SECURITY PRECLUDES MY ASSOCIATION WITH THIS COMMENDATION TO CERTAIN PERSONNEL, I ASK THAT YOU

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TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN THE NAME OF THE AIR AMERICA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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*R. E. Cushman*  
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