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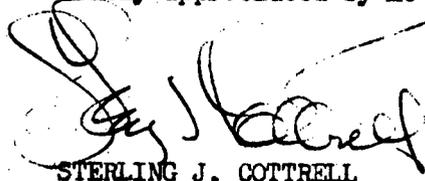
26 January 1968

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: Commander
U.S. Military Assistance Command Vietnam
ATTN: MACCORDS
APO 96222

1. The attached letter of appreciation is forwarded for presentation to Air America officials.

2. The full cooperation of the Air America pilots and crew member in an urgent situation is sincerely appreciated by me and the members of my command.



STERLING J. COTTRELL
Deputy for CORDS
IV CTZ

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DETACHMENT B-43
5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), 1ST SPECIAL FORCES
APO San Francisco, 96215

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15 January 1968

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

FROM: Mr. Sterling J. Cottrell
Deputy CGUS/IV Corps
APO 96215

TO: Air America

The attached statement explains the facts, however, I wish to extend my appreciation to the pilot and crew of Air America helicopter #4 Kray who performed a courageous and dangerous mission for which the members of my command concerned, and myself are extremely grateful. The wounded soldier had gone into shock and it is obvious the voluntary actions of the pilot and crew were instrumental in saving his life.

RAYMOND C. MULLEN, JR
LTC, Infantry
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DETACHMENT B-43
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APO San Francisco, 96215

AFGB-STD-B43

15 January 1968

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: Dep for CORDS
IV Corps

1. Request the attached letter be forwarded to Air America.
2. According to conversation with CORDS air operations, the members involved were pilot Mahaffay, co-pilot Franks, and crewman Barrow. Please convey my thanks to these men for the exceptional job they have done.

RAYMOND C. MULIKEN, JR
1SG, Infantry
Commanding

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DETACHMENT A-433
5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), 1ST SPECIAL FORCES
APO US FORCES, 96215

10 January 1968

STATEMENT

On 15 December 1967, at 1330 hours, OPN MY 12-17, made contact with an estimated reinforced enemy platoon. In the fire-fight which followed one USASF Soldier was wounded in action and so were five RF Soldiers. A dust-off ship was called in to med-evac the wounded from the battle area. At that time an Air America Helicopter in the area volunteered his services, and extracted the wounded from the battle area with only a VR Aircraft to fly cover. During this time friendly elements on the ground were receiving constant fire from the enemy.

Terry A. Gordon
TERRY A. GORDON
CPT, Infantry
Commanding

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