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MEMORANDUM FOR: Richard R. Childress  
Director of Political/Military Affairs  
National Security Council

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Deceased Air America Pilot

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1. In reference to your query [REDACTED] research of existing Air America files confirmed the fact that [REDACTED] was an Air America employee, and the date and circumstances of his death.

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2. There have been two other recent cases involving similar requests for recognition of the contributions made by Air America employees in the Indochina conflict. These prompted a review and discussion of what could and should be done to recognize contributions and sacrifices of not only Air America, but other civilian contractors as well. The conclusion was that since existing records are incomplete - both as to the identity of Air America employees killed or presumed dead in the line of duty, as well as the circumstances surrounding their deaths - any individualized commemorations would be incomplete and thus inequitable. Substantially the same reasons precluded individualized honors for OSS members who were killed in the line of duty. The CIA's Office of Legislative Liaison, in response to inquiries on the two other recent cases, wrote that the Agency is considering placing a memorial plaque in the new Headquarters building that would recognize the contributions of these exceptional people. This plaque would be dedicated immediately after we occupy the new building.

3. I suggest that the White House may wish to respond to the inquiry [REDACTED] along these lines.

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Chief, East Asia Division

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