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APO San Francisco 96352

OFFICE OF THE AIR ATTACHE

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Mr. James A. Cunningham, Jr.
Base Manager
Air America

Dear Mr. Cunningham

I wish to commend the following members of your organization for the rescue of an RLAF pilot shot down on the PDJ on 20 September 1971:

Chopper H-89

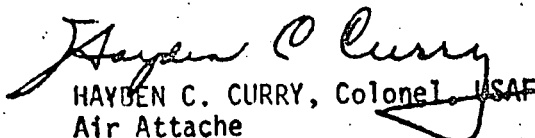
Don Henthorn - Pilot
R. D. Decosta - Flight Mechanic
P. V. Lorenzo - Flight Mechanic

The fast reaction of the entire crew of H-89 was instrumental in rescuing W/O Sourisack Savong before the enemy could get to his position. This humane act, conducted by the above crew with complete disregard for their own safety, reflects great credit upon themselves and your organization.

It is particularly noteworthy that this is the second aircrew pickup within the past three weeks that Mr. Don Henthorn has made.

Please extend my deepest thanks to those outstanding airmen for a job well done.

Sincerely


HAYDEN C. CURRY, Colonel, USAF
Air Attache

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