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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hofer:

It is with great sorrow that I have learned of the death of your son, Private First Class Thomas E. Hofer.

Of all the hardships of war, the cruelest are the losses of men such as your son. The only consolation I can offer is that the nation he died to serve shares your grief and will forever honor his memory.

I pray for the day when peace can be restored. I wish that your son could have lived to see that day. But when it comes, there will be a special place in the hearts of his countrymen for those whose sacrifice made it possible, and for those others who have borne the burdens of their loss.

Mrs. Nixon joins me in extending our deepest sympathy and in the hope that the profound respect your son has so tragically earned will help sustain and comfort you.

Sincerely,

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