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Dear Dick and Karma:

Just a note to send you some information I would not normally share with anyone but for your information as the unit historian in sending it to you. These are the officer officiating reports I got when I was in Viet Nam. The first ones are from my tour in the UTT / 68TH Air Company and then the 269TH, 188TH and 59TH duty assignments. These are the confidential appraisals made about me and the unit by the next three officers in the chain of command. You can get an understanding about how we were viewed by reading them. They are for your information - I would appreciate it that you not share these with other guys from the unit.

I didn't cover what the green ships did during TET - Maybe I did but I can't remember - anyway you might want to ask some of the Spiders about the operation around Tan Son Nhut and Ben Hoa. Merryman told me that our guns were instrumental in covering the CoV unit from the 25TH Div as they retreated to save TSN and Ben Hoa. The 269TH took control of our guns the night before TET and they were sent to Saigon when TET started to cover the CoV commanded by Glenn Otis. Glenn was a friend of mine, we played handball when we were stationed in the Pentagon and Glenn became a 4 star general and Commander of the Armor branch at Fort Knox. He was a real warrior. I can't verify all of what they did but it's a hell of a part of our history.

I got you a new floppy from T&S that has the 269TH structure diagram. They did make a

mistake when they tried to copy that file out of their
hard drive. They have it now on our separate
file so you and they have it in a safe place.

I did talk to "Charly Boy" the other
night. We have some what different memories about
our shared service but that was a long time ago.
I'm still under the impression that he was always on
the edge of insubordination or at minimum pushing the
envelope to the max. It made for a perfect disconnect -
me being a hard ass and him being a goof off. Anyway
he was still one of our guys and you've got to love
him anyway. I will be glad to see him and it
appears that like most everyone else he has done well and
been a good citizen.

Looking forward to seeing you in July.

Take Care,
Jack