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Dear Dick & Karma:

Thanks for all of the good stuff on
FSB Burt. I had forgotten just how
small that place was. Of course on the night
of 1 Jan 68 I really didn't get a good look
at the place either. I'm somewhat surprised
that the supporting Army aviation units weren't
mentioned more. We sort of got lumped in with
everyone else and got called Dast off in most of
the stories. I recall it right the 188th
was the first resupply med evac ships to land starting
around 2:30 or 3:00 in the morning. I had one
other ship with me as we went in and then went
back and forth to DT or TN the rest of the night.
I wonder who was my pilot that night as well
as the crew of my wingman? Probably never will
know.

I'm a new life member to the Vietnam
Veterans of America now. We have a pretty active
Chapter here in Lowell and because Ft. Sill
does a lot of deployment and return of troops
to Iraq we go out as a group to the departure

and return ceremonies. It's kind of fun to see
the expressions on the faces of these young troops
as we wish them good luck, thank them for their
service, and welcome them home. Far cry
from what we got when we left or came home.

After I made contact with Jim Behnke
to get his support for my nomination into the OK

1 Hall of Fame he has initiated action to put me
in for an award for rescuing him on the 29th of

Dec 64. I sent you more info as the action

goes on. I'm not sure what DA will

think about a recommendation being made

42 years after the event. I guess we'll see.

Thanks again and I can't tell you how
proud I am over your work to keep the unit
lineage alive with the current aviators.

More later,

Jack