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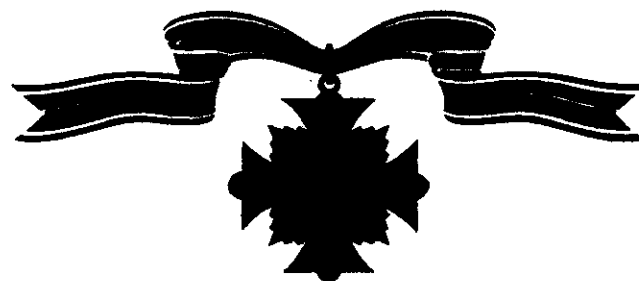
SPECIAL ORDER
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11 AUGUST 1970

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, EACH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS FOR EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AERIAL FLIGHT ON THE DATE INDICATED.

SSAN	NAME	ON	PAS
	LIEUTENANT COLONEL		
	JONES DONOVAN L BASIC	230470	NAQC6
	CAPTAIN		
	BOK FREDERICK C BASIC	250470	NAQC6
	BROWN JAMES D BASIC	250470	NAQC6
	CUELLAR FERNANDO D 2ND OLC	220470	PQFCD
	ESTES HOWELL M III BASIC	130270	KZC6L
	GRAY JERRY W BASIC	220470	PQFCD
	IRVINE ROBERT J C 1ST OLC	190470	UBFB7
	FIRST LIEUTENANT		
	GROW ROBERT A BASIC	130270	KZC6L
	HOUSTON RONNIE L BASIC	200470	PQFCD
	PRICE ROGER B BASIC	240670	TWN96
	TECHNICAL SERGEANT		
	BATES RALPH A BASIC	230470	NAQC6

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS JULY 2, 1926
HAS AWARDED

THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

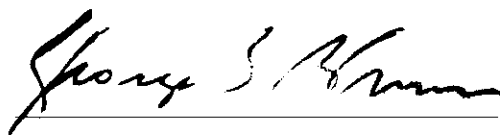
TO

FIRST LIEUTENANT RONNIE L. HOUSTON

FOR
EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT
WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AERIAL FLIGHT

20 April 1970

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS 11th DAY OF August 19 70



General, USAF




SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

TO

RONNIE L. HOUSTON

First Lieutenant Ronnie L. Houston distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as an F-4D Navigator near Kham Duc, Republic of Vietnam on 22 April 1970. On that date, Lieutenant Houston displayed uncommon courage and valor in aiding his aircraft commander to attack numerous hostile antiaircraft artillery positions which had brought to a standstill all efforts of a rescue operation for two downed airmen. Despite the intense hostile ground fire and marginal weather, Lieutenant Houston was instrumental in enabling the flight to destroy all known anti-aircraft artillery sites in the area, enabling the successful recovery of one downed pilot, and in vectoring his seriously battle damaged flight leader to the nearest emergency airfield, thereby enabling the recovery of a valuable combat aircraft. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Houston reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

