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Mr Rolly Castranova
National Commander, Americal
Division Veterans Association
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Dear Comrade Commander:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting copies of the "Southern Cross" newspaper and the "Americal" magazine. Yes, I do indeed have the premiere first issue of both publications in my possession.

However, I must decline your request for these publications so that you may laminate and place them into the Division museum at Fort Devens. As I am certain you understand, these are my only copies, and these have great sentimental value to me personally. As you may already know, I was on the Americal Information Offices' original staff for both publications, and many of my strongest remembrances of my time in Vietnam are tied to these documents.

Here are the names and last known addresses of several of the other members of the original staff. Perhaps they may have additional copies for your collection. Do not hesitate to tell them that I referred you to them:

CPT Cary Sklaren
c/o Herzfeld & Rubin

1LT Mike Wolfgang

Dean Norland
c/o ABC News
Washington, DC

Bill Elson
c/o Washington Post
Washington, DC

Good luck during your year as the Commander, and please give my regards to any of the old gang from the Americal.

Sincerely,

Larry Babbitts, Director
(Americal Division,
1968-69)

PS Did you know that Congressman Thomas J Ridge (R PA-21) was a grunt in the Americal 1968-70?