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Mr. James Walker

Dear Jim,

Perhaps you don't remember me but, for a time in 1984, I was the Executive Officer at NAVSTA Guam. At the same time, you were completing your Navy career while on the staff of COMNAV MARIANAS. You may recall that we discussed the exploits of HAL-3 and the fact that the Navy accorded them little respect. You may also remember that we discussed the possibility of recording their remarkable history in a book. I recall that you had collected a great deal of documents associated with the exploits of HAL-3. When I am not doing analysis work for an ocean engineering company, I write historical pieces and have been published. I want to do the HAL-3 book if you are agreeable.

I would appreciate your thoughts on the subject. If you are not interested in pursuing the subject, I would like to. In any case, we should discuss the possibility of honoring those brave pilots and aircrewmen.

I am sending an identical letter to your home address to double my chances of contacting you. My address and telephone number are below. Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,



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