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Dear Don;

I Received your 14 May 94 letter and read it with great with great pleasure. I am enclosing some photos, newspaper articles and other stuff that you may find helpful and interesting. Feel free to use it as you see fit and include it in your next "Wolfgram" or other publications as you wish. I /we would be most appreciative of any further history you may be able to come up with concerning this "Huey" who we have named 'Lady Belle'. A professional songwriting couple has even written a song about her which I will try to get a copy of and mail off with the rest of this stuff.

I would be most interested in having the 'Official' detailed history of Seawolves. It would certainly be something to add to the histories of 'Lady Belle', and the other units that she served with. Enclosed is a detailed history from '63 to '76 and yes she was at Corpus Christi, twice. But, Don, this is where we run into a problem; since I was a member of the US NAVY who happened to be stationed with the UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS (Danang, 1969-1970) and one of the other fellas who worked on 'Lady Belle' was also a Marine we decided to forge a little history, so we could rub our lesser brothers nose in it a little. We now have them thoroughly convinced that this helicopter served with not only the army, the Navy but, also with the USMC. It seems that somehow they got the idea that ARADMAC (highlighted on TAMMS history pages) stands for Armored Reconnaisance Air Detachment, Marine Aviation Company. Of course, it's not too hard to fool some of them army types, they're only playing with half a deck to begin with, but now we run into another problem.

When I asked about trading 'Lady Belle', our W-2 (Army) pilot said, "No, we're probably not interested, but we can talk to them." Our Crew Chief (Army) said essentially the same thing. I seem to be the only one on this committee that realizes we have some major trading stock. So with that in mind and in the spirit of good, experienced cumshaw professionals, here's my offer: we'll trade for a flyable UH-1M, recent TBO, current Airworthiness certificate, M-60's mounted, 5,000 rounds of ammo per 60, McGuire rigs for rappelling, rope ladders and we'll even pick it up. With bated breath I await your counteroffer.

Seriously, we have spent a lot of time and put a lot of love into restoring this 'Huey.' Of course we (Vietnam Vets) all spent our share of time in them while in the 'Nam, but having restored this one it's pretty special to us. The general consensus of opinion was negative but we are willing to talk about it, so I guess the ball's in your court.

Hope you enjoy the enclosed. For your information and to further faster communications between us (nothing against your delay but on my end the unit secretary picks up the mail and I have to wait until he gets around to seeing me before I can answer) here is my home address, phone and fax: