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Dear Phil,

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Greetings, I hope you are well. Did you receive the letter and copy of 'Flypast' that I sent to you last month? Any comments? I could not really do justice to your story in such a packed article, but I will use the lot in the book.

I wanted to write to Michael Norosel to find out the details of his Mott award and to LTJG Neil Campbell of the HAL-3 Seawolves. Would you have their addresses in your membership directory? If I promise to photocopy it and return it to you immediately, could I borrow your membership directory please? I want to try to find some H-21 pilots from the early days and any Marine pilot who flew in Vietnam.

I was recently given a Red River Rats Association directory. As you may know they are the guys who flew fighters up North, and they have some interesting stories to tell too. I now have over 50 'war stories' for my book and am on my way to 100. I may have trouble fitting them all in and might stop at 70.

How is your weather this month? We have just received the remnants of Hurricane Charlie and it has rained for 3 days. I think our summer has finished early this year. Come to think of it, it started late too!

I recently had a drink with Gary Ronsch who flew the CH-47 up the Nui Ba Den mountain in Fog (May Newsletter) when he came by London visiting friends. His whole story will be in the book too.

Oh yes, when the August Newsletter appears, could I beg a photocopy of it. I'd like to see what I missed at the reunion!

Best wishes to your family.

Phil.