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Dear Paul,

Thank you for your letter of March 8 and the insights into your manuscript materials: I will attempt to answer your questions with this letter, and then send copies of items you asked about as soon as I obtain them.

No, I did not submit an end of tour report. It was not requested. My duty as Commander ended shortly after Major Stearns, 1st Lt Foster, Maj. Steinbrunner, and S/Sgt Keyant crashed. They were flying that mission July 20, 1967 from Da Nang. I learned of the probable loss at the end of my <sup>early</sup> morning mission and took off again for a 2nd mission while awaiting further information from Da Nang. The 315<sup>th</sup> Wg at Phan Rang was advised of the crash. I didn't report to the 834<sup>th</sup> Air Division because the 315<sup>th</sup> Wg was the command channel to follow. Also the Command Post at Da Nang should have

notified all levels related to the crew and aircraft.

Somehow the word did not get to General Moore before the afternoon briefing of Gen Momeyer, and when Momeyer asked Moore about the crash Moore was most embarrassed. Col Grodlich came to Bien Hoa on the 21st to tell me that I was to be replaced but he did not say at that time anything about the embarrassment of Moore. I was never told why the 315th Command Post did not pass the information to the 834<sup>th</sup> A.D. I learned later that Moore believed me to have failed to keep him informed which was not the case at all.

I was told that I was being replaced because both Col Avery and Col Stewart were senior in rank to me and that I was to go to 834 Division as Ranch Hand liaison on Moore's staff. On that job I completed a Staff Study on the Ranch Hand operation that was

To the best of my knowledge submitted on to 7th AF. As liaison officer I briefed Moore daily on the targets and missions etc of the 12<sup>th</sup> ACS. The rainy season started in August and continued into September. Mission accomplishments were down from weather but also from lack of herbicide supplies. We had literally emptied the barrel by the end of July until new shipments reached the area.

Sorry about the 314<sup>th</sup> typo error.

I arrived at Saigon, Tan Son Nhut AB. on Oct 16, 1966 and was, assigned as Commander effective 17 October 1966 with a EDCSA from 315<sup>th</sup> Wg to 12<sup>th</sup> ACS of 6 Nov 66. The Personnel Action Request was signed by Ralph Dresser as Commander 12<sup>th</sup> ACS.

A later Personnel Action dated 13 Dec 1966 changed my DAFSC from 1051A to 1055A; gave me Col Grochlick as a reporting official and indicated initial duty assignment.

I have orders dated 26 Sept 1966, 50. T-336 from 315<sup>th</sup> AC Wg, showing individuals of the 12<sup>th</sup> ACS. I do not know what date the 309<sup>th</sup> ACS Special

Flight became the 12<sup>th</sup> ACS. As I recall records, the 12<sup>th</sup> ACS was to be created at Bien Hoa VN and operate from there October 15, 1966. Personnel actions for maintenance personnel and replacement flying personnel were initiated at MACV to meet this date. Neither MACV or the Vietnamese wanted the 12<sup>th</sup> to be at Bien Hoa. After a month of arguments, Momeyer said to complete the move as programmed and we did.

After sending in the spare parts supply cards to the Warner Robbins Depot to stock Bien Hoa for UC-123<sup>2</sup>, the cards were returned with the note that there was no UC-123 unit at Bien Hoa. As a result we struggled through December January and February getting spares from Tan Son Nhut.

Personnel assignments were still confused in June, 1967. Maintenance personnel for the 12 ACS had been used by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tac Wg. to augment the F-5s stationed there.

About the awards and decorations.

I really don't know why some men failed to receive awards they were clearly entitled to. A change in attitude at higher headquarters could have been a primary factor. I have heard comments about the fun of reading the wild-west narratives submitted from Ranchhand.

I can believe that some were lost from fires resulting from attacks. Which ones were would be hard to determine. I know that Capt. Robinson, the navigator for Capt. Davie didn't get awarded ones that had been submitted for his action. The tracer action indicated that files at 7<sup>th</sup> AF had received battle damage and his could have been there.

To the Ranch,

Bob Dennis

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## INSTRUCTIONS:

Below is a list of problems and complaints that people sometimes have. Please read each one carefully. After you have done so, please fill in one of the numbered circles to the right that best describes HOW MUCH DISCOMFORT THAT PROBLEM HAS CAUSED YOU DURING THE PAST WEEK INCLUDING TODAY. Mark only one numbered circle for each problem and do not skip any items. Make your marks carefully using a No. 2 pencil. DO NOT USE A BALLPOINT PEN. If you change your mind, erase your first mark carefully.

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FEMALE	<input type="radio"/>

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6	6	6
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9	9	9

1	3	0	4
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9	8	8	8

5	3	0	0
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4	9	9	9

## EXAMPLE

HOW MUCH WERE  
YOU DISTRESSED BY:

NOT AT ALL      A LITTLE BIT      MODERATELY      QUITE A BIT      EXTREMELY

1. Bodyaches

0 1 2 3 4

NAME: CECIL PAUL

LOCATION: 501 304

EDUCATION: 20 years (P.A.D.)

MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED

## HOW MUCH WERE YOU DISTRESSED BY:

1. Headaches
2. Nervousness or shakiness inside
3. Repeated unpleasant thoughts that won't leave your mind
4. Faintness or dizziness
5. Loss of sexual interest or pleasure
6. Feeling critical of others
7. The idea that someone else can control your thoughts
8. Feeling others are to blame for most of your troubles
9. Trouble remembering things
10. Worried about sloppiness or carelessness
11. Feeling easily annoyed or irritated
12. Pains in heart or chest
13. Feeling afraid in open spaces or on the streets
14. Feeling low in energy or slowed down
15. Thoughts of ending your life
16. Hearing voices that other people do not hear
17. Trembling
18. Feeling that most people cannot be trusted
19. Poor appetite
20. Crying easily
21. Feeling shy or uneasy with the opposite sex
22. Feelings of being trapped or caught
23. Suddenly scared for no reason
24. Temper outbursts that you could not control
25. Feeling afraid to go out of your house alone
26. Blaming yourself for things
27. Pains in lower back
28. Feeling blocked in getting things done
29. Feeling lonely
30. Feeling blue
31. Worrying too much about things
32. Feeling no interest in things
33. Feeling fearful
34. Your feelings being easily hurt
35. Other people being aware of your private thoughts

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NOT AT ALL      A LITTLE BIT      QUITE A BIT

## HOW MUCH WERE YOU DISTRESSED BY:

		A LITTLE BIT	MODERATELY	QUITE A BIT	EXTREMELY
36.	Feeling others do not understand you or are unsympathetic				36
37.	Feeling that people are unfriendly or dislike you				37
38.	Having to do things very slowly to insure correctness				38
39.	Heart pounding or racing				39
40.	Nausea or upset stomach				40
41.	Feeling inferior to others				41
42.	Soreness of your muscles				42
43.	Feeling that you are watched or talked about by others				43
44.	Trouble falling asleep				44
45.	Having to check and double-check what you do				45
46.	Difficulty making decisions				46
47.	Feeling afraid to travel on buses, subways, or trains				47
48.	Trouble getting your breath				48
49.	Hot or cold spells				49
50.	Having to avoid certain things, places, or activities because they frighten you				50
51.	Your mind going blank				51
52.	Numbness or tingling in parts of your body				52
53.	A lump in your throat				53
54.	Feeling hopeless about the future				54
55.	Trouble concentrating				55
56.	Feeling weak in parts of your body				56
57.	Feeling tense or keyed up				57
58.	Heavy feelings in your arms or legs				58
59.	Thoughts of death or dying				59
60.	Overeating				60
61.	Feeling uneasy when people are watching or talking about you				61
62.	Having thoughts that are not your own				62
63.	Having urges to beat, injure, or harm someone				63
64.	Awakening in the early morning				64
65.	Having to repeat the same actions such as touching, counting, or washing				65
66.	Sleep that is restless or disturbed				66
67.	Having urges to break or smash things				67
68.	Having ideas or beliefs that others do not share				68
69.	Feeling very self-conscious with others				69
70.	Feeling uneasy in crowds, such as shopping or at a movie				70
71.	Feeling everything is an effort				71
72.	Spells of terror or panic				72
73.	Feeling uncomfortable about eating or drinking in public				73
74.	Getting into frequent arguments				74
75.	Feeling nervous when you are left alone				75
76.	Others not giving you proper credit for your achievements				76
77.	Feeling lonely even when you are with people				77
78.	Feeling so restless you couldn't sit still				78
79.	Feelings of worthlessness				79
80.	The feeling that something bad is going to happen to you				80
81.	Shouting or throwing things				81
82.	Feeling afraid you will faint in public				82
83.	Feeling that people will take advantage of you if you let them				83
84.	Having thoughts about sex that bother you a lot				84
85.	The idea that you should be punished for your sins				85
86.	Thoughts and images of a frightening nature				86
87.	The idea that something serious is wrong with your body				87
88.	Never feeling close to another person				88
89.	Feelings of guilt				89
90.	The idea that something is wrong with your mind				90

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