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Mrs. O. W. Rich
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Dear Mrs. Rich:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter concerning your desire for the early return of your son, Specialist Fourth Class Ormie L. Rich, to the United States.

Mrs. Rich, your country is extremely proud of your twofold contribution to the cause of freedom in Vietnam. The people of that country and the people of all freedom loving countries in the world will long be indebted to you and your sons.

Ormie is eligible for an early return to the United States under a Department of Defense policy concerning the Vietnam assignment of two members of the same family. In order to expedite his return, Headquarters United States Army, Vietnam has been contacted. Current policy requires that a service member must agree to a reassignment such as you desire for Ormie. In the event Ormie agrees to an immediate reassignment he should be returned to the United States prior to Clyde's return to Vietnam.

I expect to receive a reply from the authorities in Vietnam within forty-eight hours and will notify you immediately with more definite details concerning Ormie's return.

I trust this information will be helpful to you and I wish your sons continued good fortune.

Most sincerely,

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