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Major General Richard T. Knowles
Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations
Department of the Army
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Dick:

I have your note of 26 September with the attached letters and I want to thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. I have looked into the alleged incident and can find no evidence to substantiate the accusation by Mrs. Honan. Although the FIRST TEAM has had a great deal of success in the past few months, our monthly enemy body count does not support the allegation of a single action kill of 900. The enemy body count for the months of June, July, August, and September is 1,115, 690, 1,641, and 1,093 respectively. The largest enemy kill for any single action, during the same period, was 60 which occurred on 12 August. The total enemy kill, in the FIRST TEAM's AO during the Communist high point of 11-13 August was 633, further refuting Mrs. Honan's claim.

The division's use of chemical agents is generally as stated in your reply to Mrs. Honan. We have recently developed a program employing the extensive use of CS against enemy forces in bunker complexes. To date this method has been very successful in reducing friendly casualties and denying these areas to enemy forces.

The FIRST TEAM continues to give an outstanding account of itself maintaining the fine tradition established during your tour. As always we stand ready to assist you in any way possible.

Warm regards,

E. B. ROBERTS
Major General, USA
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