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To: The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President, United States of America
White House, Washington, D. C.

Re: Major David Gatti
Surgeon, United States Army
67th Evacuation Hospital
Pleiku, Vietnam

Dear President Nixon:

Major David Gatti has devoted many hours to the surgical treatment of sick and wounded Montagnards of the Central Highlands. Dr. John Taylor, currently Volunteer Physician for Viet Nam serving at Dr. Pat Smith's transplanted hospital in Pleiku has written of Major Gatti's continued self-sacrificing service in behalf of Montagnards. As President of the Kontum Hospital Fund which supports Dr. Pat Smith's mission hospital in Kontum and as a four time Volunteer Physician for Viet Nam I have been personally aware of his good works.

Dr. Pat Smith, Dr. John Taylor and I feel that his service is worthy of any recognition you might deem proper. The news media is filled with many deplorable episodes in Vietnam. I know of many wonderful services of Americans to suffering mankind in this war torn country. Recognition of Major Gatti's contribution would give evidence of some American actions in Vietnam in which we can all take pride.

Sincerely,

Louis E. Braille

Louis E. Braille, M. D.
President

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