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Billy my friend,

Good to hear from you and I am happy to personalize the books, especially for Sgt. Maj. Bennington who I know personally. A good Marine. I will also include some recent info from the "Roanoke" magazine (Ripley again!) you may not have seen.

I would like to join you on the 3d but I'm already committed and can't change. The event will go well under your firm hand, no doubt.

We are in close down here which is sad but unavoidable. Although we had performed miracles and turned things around the time ran out. It took 40 yrs. to screw things up but they only gave me two to turn it around. In another one year I would have made it. Still, as my wife says, no one is shooting at me and I'm not digging a fighting hole to sleep in every night.

In the Black, John Ripley