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DEAR MIKE:

DUE TO RESEARCH ON THE ACH-47A
GUNSHIP OF WHICH ONLY FOUR AIRCRAFT OF
THIS TYPE WERE PRODUCED, I HAVE LOCATED
A NUMBER OF ERRORS OF WHICH I WOULD
LIKE TO CORRECT FROM THE V.H.P.A. 1990
DIRECTORY (HELICOPTERS DESTROYED) AND TO
RELATE SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THESE
TYPE AIRCRAFT.

680226-AR-6413154 WAS LISTED AS
DESTROYED. IT IS INFACIT THE LONE SURVIVOR
OF THE FOUR ACH-47As AND DURING ITS SHORT
SERVICE IN VIETNAM, RAN UP AN IMPRESSIVE
RECORD. 13154 WAS NICK-NAMED "BIRTH
CONTROL" AND IT WAS THE RESCUE AIRCRAFT
FOR 6413149 "EASY MONEY" WHEN "EASY MONEY"
WAS SHOT DOWN NEAR THE CITADEL IN HUE
DURING THE TET OFFENSIVE. 6413149 "EASY
MONEY" IS NOT LISTED AS BEING DESTROYED

WHEN IN FACT IT WAS DESTROYED BY MORTAR FIRE AFTER ITS FORCED LANDING AT THE CITADEL.

ACH-47A 6413145, THE PROTOTYPE FOR THE SERIES, WAS LOST MAY 5, 1967, WHEN DURING A FIRING RUN AGAINST AN ENEMY TARGET, A M-24A 20 mm CANNON FORWARD MOUNTING PIN SHEARED, PERMITTING THE GUN TO ROTATE UPWARD AND FIRE INTO THE ROTOR BLADES. THE BLADES QUICKLY SEPERATED AND THE AIRCRAFT NOSED OVER AND CRASHED KILLING ITS CREW.

ACH-47A 6413151 WAS DESTROYED IN A FREAK ACCIDENT WHEN IT WAS INVOLVED IN A GROUND COLLISION WITH ANOTHER CH-47 ON 4 AUGUST 1966. (DIRECTORY SAID 8, AUG, 66).

THE ONLY SURVIVOR 64-13154 WAS RETURNED TO THE CONUS FOR DISPOSITION (FT. RUCKER MUSEUM) BUT WAS SENT BY MISTAKE TO ARMY READINESS AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND, SAVANNAH, ILLIONIS CENTER. THIS TERMINATED THE ACH-47A GUNSHIP PROGRAM IN FAVOR OF THE AH-1 COBRA GUNSHIP.