

6/30/95

Mike,

Reply to your 6/26/95 letter: (The package I sent you explains much of this. I do not have my copy before me.) The interview notes with Col. Hughes are earth shattering concerning 4/12/64. I want to have an extended talk with you ASAP with copies of my research material before us. I want the "few hundred words" to be precise.

① I will call you 7/1/95 with what I wrote & have in my briefing book on 4/12/64 - about all the briefing we (120th) were given, i.e., A/C numbers.

② Robert A. "Bo" Thompson, my co-pilot, I do not know the names of my gunner & crew chief.

③ Only the 120th put nine H-21s in the operation. The 118th had Hueys, 8 H-21s and 1 spare for a total of nine. (See my package) Chas Payne flew a slick Huey that day with the 118th. Ph. 405-255-8710 address: Rt. 2 Box 74, Duncan, OK 73533. Call him. He was at the 145th Reunion 6/16-17/95.

④ (See my interview notes with Col. Hughes.) I'll have to explain. The 120th went to Con Tho/Camau first, then the 118th went. Early hours later around 1500 hours Col Hughes "take control". He never knew what he was doing, Hughes was in a Huey with the 145 Avn. Bn. Opns. officer Joe Palastina (?) who went on to be a four star I am told. Neither Hughes nor Palastina had a clue that day. I do not know about other Battalion A/C or their crews on that day.

⑤ A crew member on an H-21(?) Fujimoto was wounded and evaced, but know what happened to him. His picture is in Station Hospital Saigon by Bibbi Lewis. Read that book.

⑥ Major Charles Kelly - no "e" - flew Dist off; the other pilot was Pat Brady I am told.

⑦ I'll write but let's talk first
(over)

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Re p. 21 of Vol. 1 V.H.P.A. Historical Reference Directory
under 1964: "Sgt Grandelli, carried on the very fine
traditions of the 145th until the 30 of March 1964..." *
That is a bald faced lie. Grandelli, was a joke.
I can tell you in detail. Officers & EN. laughed at him.
Moreover as admitted by John C. Hughes, 4/12/68 was
a fixico. Hughes had been CO of the 145th for only
13 days. He didn't have a clue on 4/12/68 either. How could he?

P.S. All I was ~~is~~ the truth, but I want all the truth.

P.P.S. I'm on the ranch. No copies. Please make a copy
of this letter & send to me. JBS.

* He was
relieved by
Gen. Stilwell