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APO San Francisco 96318  
"Pink Panther"

22 October 1968

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2. You are daily adding to the excellent reputation you have already constructed for this combat team. To many persons outside this unit, you have shown a spirit, drive, and willingness that, to them, is amazing. Your efforts have paid off in outstanding armed helicopter service to all supported units, who frequently remind me of their appreciation.
3. In keeping our Cobras flying and firing; in maintaining vehicles and power equipment in support of our activities; in providing for daily operations and communications requirements; in providing food which supports every phase of our mission; in providing for our logistical needs; and in fulfilling the administrative demands of our never-ending war of paper, your individual efforts have helped the entire team to excel.
4. Only through continued devotion of maximum effort will you be able to maintain the present state of mission readiness. As personnel shortages increase, so must individual efficiency. I can only hope that this deficient personnel situation will soon be corrected. Until this is accomplished, I can only ask you to provide in your own area of responsibility the best mission support of which you are capable.
5. Many of you have been with the unit since activation, almost a year ago. You saw the growing pains, and are seeing the results of the many outstanding individual and team efforts that went into building it. All of you may justly be proud of your contributions. I am certainly proud of them, and of the results you have attained. I thank you.

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SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

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