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REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCES
II CORPS
22d INFANTRY DIVISION
DIV STAFF
ADJ GEN SECTION
#08157/SD22BB/TQT/2/HG

FROM: Lt Col NGUYEN-BAC-TRI
Commanding Officer, 22d Inf Div
and 22d Tactical Zone.

TO: The Chief of ARVN Joint General Staffs
ATTN: GA

SUBJECT: Recommendation for the posthumous award of the National Order #5.

Dear Sir,

I respectfully wish to report the following:

Information was received that over 500 Viet Cong had entered DAKRODE armed village at 180000H to steal weapons from the residents, and at 0800hrs on 15 July 62, a party composed of:

1. Lt Col ANTHONY J. TENCIA, Div Senior Advisor.
2. Major ROBERT F. CORNELL Jr, Co-pilot.
3. Capt PHO THINH TRINH, 22d Div G-2.
4. Capt BUI QUANG HOA, Commander of 22d Div Recon Co.
5. Warrant Officer JOSEPH H. GOLDBERG, Pilot.
6. Sgt HAROLD G. GUTHRIE, Crew Chief.
7. Sgt JAMES E. LANE, Crew Gunner.

Made a helicopter reconnaissance of the area in order to plan a heliborne operation.

Due to bad weather, the helicopter was on a low level flight and was shot down by the enemy.

The above mentioned military personnel fought heroically, and the following personnel found a glorious death for their country:

1. Lt Col ANTHONY J. TENCZA, Senior Adviser.
2. Capt PHO THINH TRINH.
3. Warrant Officer JOSEPH H. GOLDBERG.

In order that recognition of their meritorious deeds and heroic conduct be given, I request your concurrence in recommending the posthumous award of:

1. The National Order Nr 5 to Lt Col ANTHONY J. TENCZA, Capt PHO THINH TRINH and Warrant Officer JOSEPH H. GOLDBERG.
2. The Quan Cong Bei Tinh (equivalent of the Medal of Honor) to Sgt HAROLD G. GUTHRIE and Sgt JAMES E. LANE.
3. Posthumous promotion to the rank of major of Capt PHO THINH TRINH.

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- Div MAAG Det

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Lt Col NGUYEN BAO TRI
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