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I am deeply moved to learn that the following US Advisors, Officers and Non-commissioned Officers, were killed in action by the Viet Cong on 15 July 1962, while on a helicopter reconnaissance over DAKRODE village:

- Lt Col ANTHONY J. TENCEA, Senior Advisor 22d Infantry Division.
- Warrant Officer JOSEPH A. GOLDBERG, pilot.
- Sgt HAROLD G. GUTHRIE, crew member.
- Sgt JAMES E. LANE, crew member.

Outstanding soldiers motivated by a strong will to serve and a strong anti-communist feeling, these US personnel have efficiently assisted the 22d Infantry Division in many very important tasks, mainly in the conduct of the operations against the Viet Cong.

Although the previously mentioned advisors are no longer with us, their memory and the example of their supreme sacrifice will always remain in the hearts of the Vietnamese comrades in arms.

In the name of the ARVN Joint General Staffs, I request that you convey my sincere condolences to the families of these Officers and non-commissioned Officers.

Signed: LE VAN TY