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Commanding Officer
Co. "A" 2/503 Inf.
173rd Abn. Bde. (Sep)
A.P.O. San Francisco, California

Re: SP/4 Jon W. Cook
U.S. 52 850 668

Dear Sir:

I was referred to you by President Johnson's secretary.

It is necessary that my husband be at home. My health is depreciating because of constant worrying and depression. Our son needs his father too even though he is too young to know the after affects that his fatherless childhood may have on him.

I can't understand why my husband is still on the front line and was unable to obtain an office position; he has had two years of college. I'm aware that there is discrimination as far as this so called crisis or conflict rather "War" is concerned, whether consciously or subconsciously. I've talked to people both Negro and Caucasian. I find that those Caucasians equal in time and in rank with my husband are much better off than he.

My husband is a good person and Christian. I know personal feelings are irrelavent in this war, but I can't continue to exist in this manner. I don't want to see anything happen to our marriage. I just can't go on.

He has seen more action in Vietnam in six months than some have seen in two years. He's already received numerous medals and had a serious blood infection of Thrombophlebitis and still hasn't been sent home.

We were victims of circumstance; just being married and both of us in college, we needed money, and Uncle Sam left us no alternative or hope.

Please tell me the purpose of this war and what is expected to be accomplished by it.

Your response and concern will be fully appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


Anita Cook