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Dear Mr. Cates,

In addition to your recent request and photo relative to the Air America Freedom Stamp, I also received our Air Commando Quarterly publication with the same request, but a different photo. I have commented on this in the enclosed note.

You already know my admiration and respect for the aircrews of Air America. In my 32 years of military and CIA service I found no greater dedication to the preservation and protection of freedom than that exhibited by the Air America organization.

I am available to assist in any capacity that may enhance the progress and publication of the Air America Freedom stamp.

Very truly yours,



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NOTE:

Our Air Commando Association Quarterly publication has the same request as your letter and a copy of the original photo taken atop the Pittman Hotel in Saigon. The photo used in your letter is not a copy of the original photo. If you are not already aware of this please compare the photos. You can readily see that my position atop the elevator shaft is different and the helicopter position is different. I was not aware of a second published photo. Can you enlighten me on the second photo? I am very interested.

Thanks,



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