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DoD C/MSRB  
SAF Personnel Council  
1535 Command Dr., EE Wing, 3rd Fl.  
Andrews AFB, MD 20762-7002

Mr. Allen Cates

Dear Mr. Cates

It was pleasant talking with you yesterday. Today, we received your correspondence of December 29, 2003, concerning the revised title of the group to be announced in the *Federal Register*. As mentioned yesterday, I agree: the term "indigenous" does not accurately describe those whom you believe provided service that should be recognized by the Secretary. Therefore, I will publish the revised announcement with the wording "U.S. and Foreign Civilian Employees..." The revised wording gives all interested parties the requisite notice of the nature of the group under consideration.

I have attached a copy of the requested notice for your files. Trust this information is helpful.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James D. Johnston".

JAMES D. JOHNSTON  
Executive Secretary  
DoD Civilian/Military Service Review Board  
SAF Personnel Council

Attachment  
*Federal Register* announcement, revised

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

ACCEPTANCE OF GROUP APPLICATION UNDER P.L. 95-202 AND DEPARTMENT OF  
DEFENSE DIRECTIVE (DODD) 1000.20

“THE U.S. AND FOREIGN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF CAT, INC., WHO WERE FLIGHT CREW PERSONNEL (U.S. PILOTS, CO-PILOTS, NAVIGATORS FLIGHT MENCHANICS, AND AIR FREIGHT SPECIALISTS) AND AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT PERSONNEL (U.S. MAINTENANCE SUPERVISORS, OPERATIONS MANAGERS, AND FLIGHT INFORMATION CENTER PERSONNEL), AND CONDUCTED PARAMILITARY OPERATIONS IN KOREA, FRENCH INDOCHINA, TIBET AND INDONESIA FROM 1950 THROUGH 1959; AND U.S. AND FOREIGN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF AIR AMERICA FLIGHT WHO WERE CREW PERSONNEL AND GROUND SUPPORT PERSONNEL, AS DESCRIBED, WHO CONDUCTED PARAMILITARY OPERATIONS IN LAOS FROM 1961 THOUGH 1974, WHEN THE WAR IN LAOS ENDED; AND U.S. AND FOREIGN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF AIR AMERICA WHO WERE FLIGHT CREW PERSONNEL AND GROUND SUPPORT PERSONNEL, AS DESCRIBED, AND CONDUCTED PARAMILITARY OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM FROM 1964 THROUGH 1975, WHEN SAIGON WAS EVACUATED AND AIR AMERICA FLIGHT OPERATIONS CEASED”

At the request of the application’s author, the Department of Defense Civilian/Military Service Review Board (C/MSRB) has amended the nature of an application and accepted it

under the provisions of Section 401, Public Law 95-202 and DoD Directive 1000.20. The application now includes “foreign” employees and, as amended, the C/MSRB has accepted an application on behalf of a group know as: “The U.S. and Foreign Civilian Employees of CAT, Inc., Who Were Flight Crew Personnel (U.S. Pilots, Co-Pilots, Navigators, Flight Mechanics, and Air Freight Specialists) and Aviation Ground Support Personnel (U.S. Maintenance Supervisors, Operations Managers, and Flight Information Center Personnel) and Conducted Paramilitary Operations in Korea, French Indochina, Tibet and Indonesia From 1950 Through 1959; and U.S. and Foreign Civilian Employees of Air America Who Were Flight Crew Personnel and Ground Support Personnel, as Described, and Conducted Paramilitary Operations in Laos from 1961 Through 1974, When the War in Laos Ended; and U.S. and Foreign Civilian Employees of Air America Who Were Flight Crew Personnel and Ground Support Personnel, as Described, and Conducted Paramilitary Operations in Vietnam From 1964 Through 1975, When Saigon Was Evacuated and Air America Flight Operations Ceased.”

Persons with information or documentation pertinent to the determination of whether the service of this group should be considered active military service to the Armed Forces of the United States are encouraged to submit such information or documentation within 60 days to the DoD Civilian/Military Service Review Board, 1535 Command Drive, EE-Wing, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Andrews AFB, MD 20762-7002. Copies of documents or other materials submitted cannot be returned.