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IN REPLY REFER TO  
AGPC-M Goff, Kenneth B., Jr.  
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Mr. Kenneth B. Goff, Sr.  
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Dear Mr. Goff:

Reference is made to your recent letter concerning your son, First Lieutenant Kenneth B. Goff, Jr., who is missing in Vietnam.

I can understand the questions which might arise in your mind and your desire for answers to relieve the anxiety you and Mrs. Goff are undergoing as the result of your son's missing status. In reviewing the report of the investigation of the incident, I find that the board did not actually specify whether or not all persons on the aircraft were thrown clear when it crashed into the river. The board states, however, that several parts of the aircraft were found in the water, and that Navy divers retrieved several articles from the water. This would show, although not specifically stated, that Navy divers searched underwater to insure that no bodies were submerged with pieces of the wreckage. And, from past experience, knowing the thoroughness and extensive effort put into our search and recovery missions, I can personally assure you that this would be one of the first steps taken in the rescue operation. Personnel thoroughly trained and knowledgeable in this type of activity, using all means and equipment available are used in these rescue operations. Thus, it is with this in mind that I want to reassure you that everything possible was done to find your son, and that these efforts will be continued.

I want to thank you for providing the photograph of Kenneth. It will be returned to you as soon as copies have been made for our files.

My continued sympathy is with you in this time of uncertainty.

Sincerely,

*Kenneth G. Wickham*

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