

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 14, 1964

Dear Mrs. Cawthorne:

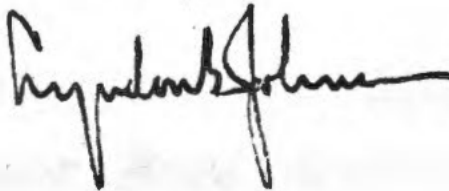
It was with deep regret that I learned of the death of your husband, Second Lieutenant William B. Cawthorne, United States Army, who died in Viet Nam when the helicopter he was piloting on a resupply mission was fired upon by hostile forces.

While I realize that there is little that can be said to lessen your grief, I want you to know that your husband had an excellent military record. From the time he entered the service in 1962 to his most recent assignment, it was evident that he possessed exceptional ability as a leader. His loyalty and devotion to duty earned for him the respect and esteem of those with whom he served.

I sincerely hope that the memory of your husband's devoted service will be a source of comfort and pride to you. His valiant service is attested to by the award of the Purple Heart from a grateful Nation.

Mrs. Johnson joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to you in your tragic loss.

Sincerely,



Mrs. William B. Cawthorne

[REDACTED]  
Culver City, California