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3 November 1964

Major General Robert H. Warren
Superintendent
USAF Academy, Colorado

Dear General Warren:

As the senior graduate presently stationed at the Academy, I have been asked to represent the Association of Graduates in extending to you a formal request to attend the funeral and interment services of First Lieutenant Valmore W. Bourque. Funeral services will be held at 1000 hours, 5 November, in the Chapel of Our Saviour in the Broadmoor. Interment will follow at the Academy Cemetery.

My fellow graduates and I attach reverent significance to the death of Lieutenant Bourque. As the first cadet sworn in at the Academy he symbolized the response of American manhood to the challenge of the aerospace age. As the first graduate to give his life in combat he symbolizes the ultimate in the fulfillment of the Academy's mission. It is truly fitting and proper that the administration and graduates of the Academy pay tribute to our Alma Mater by presenting themselves to pay full military honors at the burial of Lt Valmore W. Bourque.

Sincerely,

EDWIN L. ROSANE
Captain, USAF

Identical ltrs to B/G Strong, B/G McDermott

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