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Mrs. V. W. Bourque
1424 Cheyenne Boulevard
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Mrs. Bourque,

Mrs. McDermott and I extend our deepest sympathies to you and your daughter. We pray that God will give you the grace and courage to carry on, doing always what you know in your heart is right for you. I am sure Val would agree with this advice. For he practiced this principle of action while he lived and he sanctified it by his death.

I know that at this time the significance of Val's death to you and his parents can only be expressed as the irreplaceable loss of a loved one. To those of us who have been associated with Val through his years at the Academy, his loss also signifies that Alma Mater's first-born son has given full meaning to Duty, Honor, Country. In the brief cycle of his life of service and death in service, Val has transformed the Academy's lofty ideals into rich heritage.

Most sincerely,

ROBERT F. McDERMOTT
Brigadier General, USAF