5 AUGUST 1965

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES
U.S.A.F ACADEMY, COLORADO

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT THE ACADEMY HAS NOT AS YET BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE DEATH OF A GRADUATE, I'M WRITING THIS HASTY NOTE. LT DONALD D. WATSON, CLASS OF 1962, WAS KILLED ON JULY 31, 1965. HE WAS FLYING A COMBAT SORTIE IN SOUTH VIETNAM WHEN HIS AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND EXPLODED. FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD HERE AT TAN SON NHUT ~~YESTERDAY~~ AND HIS BODY IS ON THE WAY HOME.

I'M [redacted] AFRAID I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

I HOPE THAT THE ACADEMY AND HIS CLASS MATES MAY BE SUITABLY REPRESENTED AT THE FUNERAL.

SINCERELY YOURS,

1/LT USAF
CLASS OF 62