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Mr and Mrs Walter R Hauschildt
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Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr and Mrs Hauschildt

It is with deep regret that I convey to you the circumstances concerning the tragic and untimely accident which took the life of your son, First Lieutenant John C Hauschildt, on the morning of 5 October 1965. John was piloting his aircraft on a close air support mission. His aircraft was observed by pilots of other aircraft in the formation to begin an ordnance delivery on the target. As he was making his delivery, his aircraft was seen to make contact with the ground and explode. This occured seven miles northwest of Toy Hoa, Republic of Viet Nam. All possible efforts are presently being made to recover John's remains. The cause of the crash is unknown.

Mr and Mrs Hauschildt, you have lost a beloved son; the Air Force has lost an outstanding officer and pilot and we, at Cannon Air Force Base, have lost a true and staunch companion and friend. During the time John was stationed at Cannon, he gained the respect and friendship of all with whom he came in contact.

I know that words of condolence are inadequate and losses such as these can never be understood, however, I hope that you will derive comfort in knowing that throughout his Air Force career, your son served his country faithfully and loyally and his duty performance exemplified the highest traditions of the United States Air Force.

An officer from a nearby Air Force Base will contact you in the near future to assist you in every way possible.

On behalf of myself and your son's many friends at Cannon Air Force Base, I wish to extend our deepest sympathy.

Sincerely

WILLIAM A HOY, JR, Colonel, USAF
Commander