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ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

COLORADO 80840

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TO THE CLASS OF 1963:

I sincerely regret the necessity to confirm to you the deaths, during the past few months, of several of your classmates. I further regret the rather lengthy delay, but trust that you will understand that circumstances precluded earlier notification.

In previous newsletters I was able to mention only that 1Lt David J. Wax was missing in action. Reluctantly I must inform you that the Air Force was just recently furnished evidence sufficient to establish his death on 20 Dec 65. What little information we have received indicates that Dave was killed when the C-130 which he was copiloting crashed and burned near Tuy Hoa AB, Vietnam, last December. There has to date been no recovery of remains. Dave was single and was survived by his parents. For those of you who may wish to write to the family, their address is:

Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Wax
5264 Prosperity Lane
San Diego, California 92101

Also I am sorry to inform you of confirmation by the Air Force of the death of 1Lt John F. Arceneaux, who was killed when the C-124 on which he was copilot crashed in the mountains near Granada, Spain, on 12 Feb 66. John was assigned to the 15th MAS at Hunter, and was on TDY in support of the search in Spain for the missing nuclear weapon. His squadron was hauling supplies into the search area while on a temporary assignment in West Germany when the crash occurred. As yet there has been no recovery of remains, due to the severe weather problem in the area of the crash.

John is survived by his father and mother:

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn V. Arceneaux
Supreme, Louisiana 70396

Finally it is necessary to advise you of the recent death of one of your Marine classmates, 1Lt John F. Holland III, USMC, who was killed on 23 Feb 66 in an F-8U crash near Yuma, Arizona. Assigned to El Toro Marine Air Station, California, George was on a cross-country formation flight

when his aircraft abruptly broke away from the formation and crashed on the desert below. No cause of the accident is yet known; however, George died instantly in the ensuing wreck.

Services were held for George at El Toro on 26 Feb 66, at which time his body was cremated. His ashes will be buried at USAFA at 1300, 10 Mar 66, with graveside services at the Academy Cemetery.

George was married and is survived by his wife Kathy, a daughter Debra, and his parents. His wife may be contacted at the following address:

Mrs. Kathy Holland
13512 Iwo Jima Drive
Santa Ana, California 92700

His father's address is:

Mr. George F. Holland Jr
14816 E. Anaconda
Whittier, California 90601

Once again, I sincerely regret the necessity of passing this information to you. I trust that each of you will find a moment to remember your fallen comrades. Please rest assured that all of us mark well their passage, and appreciate in the truest sense the magnitude of their - of your class's - contribution.

To each of these men, Well Done and Godspeed.

Regretfully,

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