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Dear Mrs. Halbower:

I sincerely regret the necessity to write this letter. I would have much preferred an opportunity to decorate or praise your husband. Sadly, I find that I will now never have that chance.

I didn't know your husband personally. But in a remote sense, I served with him during my tour in PACAF. And knowing what a tough, dirty, proud job all the young officers in Vietnam were doing, I share with you your deep conviction in the urgency and nobility of your husband's chosen profession.

On behalf of this command, I extend to you and Harlow's parents our sympathy and condolences. In a personal vein, please accept my own remorse. I and my office are at your disposal should we be able to assist in any way. Please do not hesitate to allow us the opportunity to return, in some small measure, your husband's quality service to God and country.

Regretfully,

THOMAS S. MOORMAN, Lt General, USAF
Superintendent

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