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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

COLORADO 80840

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TO THE CLASS OF 1964:

I sincerely regret the necessity to write and inform you of the death of one of your classmates, 1Lt James N. Spangler, who was killed in a KC-135 crash at Kadena AB, Okinawa on 19 May 1966, while performing co-pilot duties. Assigned to the 919th Air Refueling Squadron from Turner AFB, Georgia, Jim was on a TDY tour to the 4252nd Strategic Wing at Kadena, flying air refueling missions in support of the Southeast Asia effort. The accident occurred during a routine training flight, with the aircraft crashing on takeoff. I am tardy in informing you of the accident due to the time consumed in identification of remains.

Memorial services are being held at the Moore and Craft Funeral Home in Whitesburg, Kentucky, with burial at Green Acres Cemetery in Whitesburg at 1300 on Saturday, 4 June 1966. Military honors will be rendered by Air Force personnel from Guthrie Air Force Station at Charleston, West Virginia.

Jim is survived by his parents:

Mr. and Mrs. George N. Spangler
Box 127
Mayking, Kentucky

Since I did not know Jim personally it is difficult for me to add anything, other than my own personal prayers, to the information above, Suffice it to say that the loss of any one of our group diminishes each of us, and independent of personal remorse we each suffer a loss. I trust that each of you will join in wishing him Godspeed.

Regretfully,

Richard T. Mathews

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