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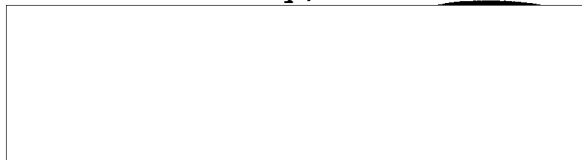
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I am writing on behalf of Mr. A. B. Krongard, the CIA Executive Director. Thank you for your letter of 14 April 2001 regarding Civil Air Transport (CAT) and Air America combat losses in China and South East Asia and a possible recognition memorial. I am sorry it has taken so long to get back to you, but the issue you raise of possible awards and official recognition for their service, has caused us to re-examine our criteria for recognition and verification procedures. Presently, the entire process is under review. I can assure you that once we have completed our review and established new guidelines, I will get back to you regarding a possible memorial for these men. We all owe them a debt of gratitude and a place of honor for their Cold War sacrifices.

Sincerely,



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