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TO: 10070, Major Priest, 74th Group

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FROM: Rescue of Falcon 24

Commander, 3RD AMXCP
APO 96337

1. It is difficult to express in words the strong personal feeling we have toward the officers and men of the 37ARWS, under your command, who, on 23 Mar 71, rescued us from deep inside North Vietnam.
2. Their display of professional airmanship and raw courage serves as an example for all. The precision, skill and daring of the 37ARWS crew named below has earned for them the heartfelt gratitude and admiration of both of us. Their example has served to elevate the already superb reputation of the Jolly Greens and associated rescue forces. They have graphically displayed that rescue is possible even under the most difficult and dangerous conditions.

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