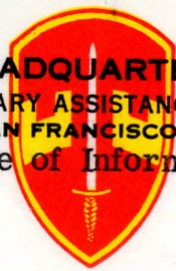


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Mrs. [REDACTED]

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

I want to express my deepest sympathy to you and the members of your family in this time of trouble. [REDACTED] is a valued member of this organization and a man who sets for all of us a high example of courage and devotion to duty. His being missing in action, I know, is news that brings heartache to you and your children, and this is shared by all of us.

The circumstances surrounding [REDACTED] disappearance have been investigated and appear to be as follows. Immediately following the outbreak of fighting in Hue, efforts were made to get in touch with the TV detachment there, but we were unable to reach them by either radio or telephone. These efforts were continued and we also instructed all detachments, especially those in Danang, Qui Nhon and Pleiku, to make every effort to contact the people in Hue. The men in all these detachments are [REDACTED] friends, and were as anxious as we to get word of him. In addition, all other activities having units or representatives in Hue were requested to seek information regarding [REDACTED] and the other personnel of his detachment.

As a result of these efforts, a number of conflicting reports were received. One stated that the men of the TV detachment were aboard a river boat. This was followed by a report that Vietnamese civilians in the area of their billets had seen them led away as captives by enemy forces. Then a report was received to the effect that some members of the AFVN detachment were in a refugee center.

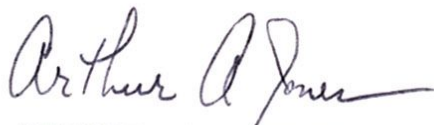
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Finally, a member of this organization was able to get to Hue. He conducted a two-day search of refugee centers, and talked with everyone who had been in the area of the TV station. All that is known is that [REDACTED] together with four other men, is missing.

Let me assure you that everything possible is being done to obtain more information. I know this is a most difficult time for you and want you to know that we share your concern and fervently pray that more encouraging news will be forthcoming soon.

Sincerely,



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