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Frankfurt 7/11/58

31 July 1958

SUBJECT: Request for Information

THRU: Commander
Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts

TO: M/Sgt Paul E. Estep, AF 33 250 993
324 Fighter Interceptor Squadron
Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts

1. Recently, the salvage firm of Recuperi Marittini Company recovered from the wreckage of a B-24 Liberator aircraft No. 42-52010 near Chioggia, Italy partial remains believed to be those of part of the crew. Since you were a member of this aircraft at the time of the crash, it is felt that you may be able to assist in the resolution of this case.

2. The records indicate that the following personnel were also members of the same aircraft:

- 2/Lt Collins, Donald - 0 926 183
- 2/Lt Fierman, Arthur E. - 02 056572
- 2/Lt Hartman, Arthur - 0 711 068
- Sgt Don Kearney - 19 160 279
- Sgt Harold H. Lauck - 39 143 765
- Sgt Oldenburg, Richard I. - 19 012 042
- Sgt Scott, Theodore R. - 35 755 765
- Sgt Sorensen, Harvey R. - 19 172 241
- 2/Lt Smithy, Donald G. - 0 718 788

The records also indicate that you were awarded the soldiers medal for attempting to save the lives of five of your crew members.

3. It would be greatly appreciated if you would indicate the names of the five crew members whom you attempted to rescue.

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4. Since this case may take considerable time to resolve, due to research of voluminous records, it would be appreciated if you would not discuss the recovery of the plane and partial remains until complete resolution is made. We will advise you, if desired, upon completion of the investigation.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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