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April 13th, 1968 Letter from Don Yeager to Chuck & Glennis

Don Yeager

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13 APRIL

DEAR MOM + DAD

I GOT YOUR LETTER OF THE 3RD + I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT'S WARMING UP BACK THERE.

YOU CAN DO WHAT YOU WANT WITH THOSE NEWS CLIPS - I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO SEND THEM TO THE "IN-LAWS + RELATIVES" I'LL HAVE TO EXTEND ONE WEEK PAST MY DEROS SO I CAN GET AN EARLY OUT. THAT'LL BUT MY LEAVING RUN. AROUND THE 25 + I'LL GET HOME, ABOUT THE 27 OR SO. I DON'T KNOW WHEN OR IF I CAN GET YOU THAT POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR THE PROPERTY, SO IF YOU HAVE TO, GO AHEAD + USE WICK - HE'S THE FAMILY MAN NOW ANYWAY. I GOT A BOX OF COOKIES FROM "OPERATION

COOKIES' BUT I WAS SICK THAT
DAY & I COULDN'T EAT ANY
BUT MY SQUAD CLEANED 'EM
OUT IN 5 MINUTES. OUR
WHOLE OPERATION HAS CHANGED
WE'RE IN THE PACIFICATION
PHASE NOW. IT'S FUNNY - WE'RE
IN AN AREA WHERE WE'VE
BEEN BEFORE (8 MONTHS AGO) &
WERE "PACIFYING" BUT THE
LAST TIME WE WERE HERE
WE BURNED DOWN THE WHOLE
PLACE & KILLED A LOT THESE
PEOPLE ARE REALLY CONFUSED
TO SEE US, ACTING NICE,
& THEY DON'T TRUST US, WHICH
IS TO BE EXPECTED. IT'S STARTING
TO GET REALLY HOT AGAIN, BUT
I DON'T CARE CAUSE I'M SHORT!
I'M STILL NOT SURE WHAT EXACTLY
I'LL DO WHEN I COME HOME,
SO DON'T BE SURPRISED AT
WHAT HAPPENS. SOME GUYS ARE
OUT SWIMMING IN THE PADDY, SO
I'M GOING, TOO. LOVE, Don