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My dear Mr. and Mrs. Duggan:

It was with the deepest regret that I learned of the death of your son, Petty Officer William Joseph Duggan, USNR, in Southeast Asia on 6 January 1977. I want t assure you of my heartfelt sympathy in your sorrow.

Your son died serving his country in selfless devotion. By his service in the Navy William demonstrated his patriotism and his willingness to defend the freedoms Americans believe in. His efforts contributed to a righteous peace on earth, an ideal ever worth fighting for. I trust that William's service to his country will always be a matter of pride for you.

May your faith in God give you strength and comfort in your bereavement.

Sincerely,

ALLEN M. SHINN

Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy

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