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Dear Jon

You might recall I was one of your instructors while you were a cadet here at the Air Force Academy. During some of the courses I may have related some of my experiences as a prisoner of war to you and your classmates. You might also remember Lt Col Hitchens, who is the Director of Instructional Technology. Colonel Hitchens was a prisoner of war in Korea.

I know your experiences as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam were very harrowing and overshadow those experienced in earlier wars. We feel that it would be interesting and informative to the cadets to get together three prisoners of war from three different conflicts and discuss on video tape some of the experiences, the changes and prisoner of war procedures and information. This information could be used in the cadet training programs plus our internal information commanders calls.

I don't know what guidance you have had concerning your experiences, but if you would agree to participate in a program of this type at the Air Force Academy, I will be pleased to attempt to get DOD and Air Force clearance. This would be an in-house program and not released to the public at this time.

What are your ideas on this subject?

Sue

Sincerely

White Copy to Col Hitchens

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