Dear Captain Kanach:

The emergency rescue operation of March 20-25 in Northeastern Laos, which brought over eight thousand people to safety, was accomplished under the most hazardous and trying circumstances. The magnificent success of the airlift was due to the courage, skill and resolve of everyone who participated. A great measure of these qualities was furnished by you and your fellow helicopter flight personnel, who flew tirelessly in the worst conditions of weather and security to find and move the refugees. Without you, saving them would have been impossible.

Please accept my warm thanks and commendation for your splendid and essential contribution.

Sincerely,

William H. Sullivan
Ambassador

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