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MR AND MRS PAUL H PLASSMEYER, DONT PHONE CHECK DLY CHGS
ABOVE 75 CENTS DONT DLR BETWEEN 10 PM AND 6 AM=
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I REGRET TO CONFIRM THAT YOUR SON FIRST LIEUTENANT
BERNARD H PLASSMEYER USMC HAS BEEN REPORTED AS MISSING
IN ACTION SINCE 4:10 A.M. ON 11 SEPTEMBER 1970 YOUR SON
WAS THE PILOT OF ONE OF TWO A4E SKYHAWK ATTACK AIRCRAFT
THAT WERE SCRAMBLED IN SUPPORT OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE
DIVISION. DURING YOUR SON'S SECOND ORDINANCE DELIVERY
RUN AGAINST A KNOWN ENEMY POSITION SPARKS WERE OBSERVED
COMING FROM HIS AIRCRAFT FOLLOWED BY A LONG TRAIL OF
FLAME. NO PARACHUTE OR OTHER INDICATION OF EJECTION WAS

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WITNESSED BY THE OTHER TWO AIRCRAFT ON THE SCENE.
SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS AND EVERY
EFFORT IS BEING EXERTED IN THIS RECD. NO OTHER
INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR SON'S DISAPPEARANCE IS
AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, I WISH TO ASSURE YOU
THAT WHEN ANY SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE
YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY INFORMED. I EXTEND TO YOU ON BEHALF
OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS SINCE REST CONCERN
DURING THIS TIME OF GREAT ANXIETY AND UNCERTAINTY. YOUR
SON'S WIFE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED=

L W WALT GENERAL USMC ACTING COMMANDANT OF THE
MARINE CORPS.

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THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON FIRST LIEUTENANT
BERNARD H PLASSMEYER USMC CONTINUES TO BE LISTED AS MISSING
IN ACTION IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. OFFICIAL SEARCH AND
RESCUE OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN TERMINATED DUE TO THE CRASH
SITE BEING LOCATED IN AN EXTREMELEY HOSTILE AREA. A
GROUND SEARCH CANNOT BE CONDUCTED AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF
THE HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THAT AREA. A DETAILED REPORT
CONTAINING ALL KNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE
DISAPPEARANCE OF YOUR SON IS BEING CONDUCTED. WHEN THIS

REPORT IS RECEIVED, YOU WILL BE PROVIDED MORE COMPLETE
DETAILS. AGAIN, MAY I EXTEND TO YOU MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY
DURING THIS PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY. YOUR SON'S WIFE HAS
BEEN NOFITIED=

LEONARD F CHAPMAN JR GENERAL USMC COMMANDANT OF
THE MARINE CORPS.