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Mrs. Winona M. Abbott
6 Aldern Place
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Dear Mrs. Abbott:

I am writing you concerning your husband, Major Robert N. Abbott, who has been missing in action since 27 November 1950.

It distresses me to inform you that no report of any change in his status has yet been received. If at the expiration of twelve months a missing person has not been accounted for, all available information regarding the circumstances attending his disappearance is carefully considered under the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended, and a determination of his status is made. Occasionally relatives and friends of a missing person receive personal communications from individuals who indicate that they have personal knowledge of the whereabouts or fate of the missing person. If you have received any such communications, and will send them, or photostatic copies of them, to this office, it will be greatly appreciated. After their review they will be returned to you if you so desire. However, it is requested that you not send such items as newspaper pictures, clippings, or information from persons who do not have personal knowledge of the circumstances, as none of these contribute to the efforts of the Department.

The Department of the Army is mindful of the anguish you have so long endured and you may rest assured that, without any further request on your part, you will be advised promptly if any additional information concerning your loved one is received. Should it become necessary to establish his status in accordance with the provisions of the law cited, you will be notified of the findings shortly after the expiration of the twelve months' absence.

You have my heartfelt sympathy in your anxiety and it is my earnest hope that the fortitude which has sustained you in the past will continue through this distressing period of uncertainty.

Sincerely yours,

Edward F. Witsell
EDWARD F. WITSELL
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