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Mr. Charles F. Tully, Jr.  
Price and Contract Division  
International Harvester Company  
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Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Tully:

Your letter of February 7 struck upon a remarkable coincidence. I am the PT Boat Commander who picked up the fighter to whom you dropped the rubber boat in the little bay off Lolebata airstrip on September 16, 1944.

As your letter asks, I enclose a copy of the citation which grew out of this action.

So far as names are concerned, the Skipper of the boat I rode was LTJG Wilfred Tatro, while Ens. Hershel Boyd commanded the wing boat I took in with us. The Pilot we picked up was Ens. Harold Thompson of Chicago. I am sorry I do not have current addresses of any of these three men.

I understand from my old boss, Commander PT Boats Seventh Fleet, that Navy Crosses were given to Tatro and Boyd and also to the Intelligence Officer and a Motor Machinist mate on Tatro's boat who dove in the water and helped get the flyer on board our boat. I also understand that the rest of the boat crews were given Silver Stars, but I have not personally checked any of this information. It is gratifying to know that the Navy Department did not consider this incident as a one-man job, because it surely was anything but that.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure