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Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 12:17 PM

To: 'Ruben'

Subject: FW: SUMMARY OF MY VIETNAM TRIP

Thanks Ruben, Please forward to Jorge.

Bad Boy

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Dear Master Sgt. Otero,

It has taken a long while to locate this report but I did actually keep a copy and I apologize for the long wait to get back to you on this .

Very few days go by that I do not think of you as I get older (now 74) and that you were without a doubt the best damn soldier I served with in my 31 years of service. The ONLY way I could have lasted that long in " Mother Army" is because of great NCO's like you and I will always remember you in the highest regards. You remain a Legend in our beloved 101st Airborne Division, and because of the honor I had serving as the Special Assistant and Advisor to the Secretary of the Army, I stay in touch with the Division leaders to include the current Division Commander Major General Jimmy McConville. I had a note from him just a week ago as they deployed again last Friday for another year in Afghanistan and he told me " that he and all the officers and soldiers of the 101st Airborne Div. stand on the shoulders of the Division Vietnam Vets and will strive every single day to live up to the high standards set by the 101st Vets from Vietnam that have made the Division the