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1ST BDE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION
APO US FORCES 96347

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SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

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TO: First Lieutenant John M. Taylor Jr.
Headquarters & Headquarters Company
1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division
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1. First Lieutenant John M. Taylor Jr. is commended for his exemplary performance of duty as Platoon Leader, 1st Forward Area Signal Center Platoon, 501st Signal Battalion from 14 July 1965 to 13 December 1965 while supporting 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam.

2. During "Operation Highland", conducted near An Khe, Republic of Vietnam, from 25 August through 2 October 1965, Lieutenant Taylor, through his platoon, demonstrated that tactical VHF equipment cannot only provide reliable communications between brigade and battalion headquarters, but is highly desirable for communications support of counterinsurgency operations. During "Operation Sayonara", conducted near Qui Nhon, Republic of Vietnam from 2 October 1965 through 2 November 1965, Lieutenant Taylor was instrumental in moving tactical VHF equipment by helicopter to a nearby mountain thus enabling VHF communications to be established to any unit operating anywhere within the Brigade's tactical area of responsibility. Through Lieutenant Taylor's efforts, original techniques, and doctrines have been developed for the employment of VHF carrier equipment with infantry and artillery battalions, and battalion size task forces executing counter guerrilla, counterinsurgency missions.

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3. Lieutenant Taylor was responsible for the planning, organization, and operation of a signal facilities control center for the 1st Brigade during "Operation Sayonnarra". Through this signal facility effective control was maintained of both external and internal communications systems. The operation of the Facilities Control Center resulted in reduced outage time on key communications circuits, and saved many valuable man hours which normally would have been spent in trouble shooting.

4. Lieutenant Taylor has produced noteworthy results during continuous combat operations throughout the period cited. His performance reflects favorably upon himself and his profession. I wish him continued success for the future in his career as an officer in the US Army.

5. A copy of this correspondence will be made a permanent part of Lieutenant Taylor's Military 201 File.

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Capt SigC
Bde Signal Officer