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Dear Mr. Crean,

My name is Larry Leissner and I am the Non Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC) of the third Police Operational Mentor Liaison team (POMLT) currently deployed to Afghanistan. We are a joint team of Pennsylvania Army and Air National Guardsmen working with our Lithuanian NATO partners that are overseeing the formal training of Afghan National Police in the Ghor Province, central Afghanistan. The Army Guard troops are based out of the Johnstown and Pittsburgh areas and the Air Guardsmen are based out of the Philadelphia area, at the Horsham Air Guard Station (formerly Willow Grove). We are currently the only dedicated Police Mentoring Team in the Department of Defense. I am a lifelong resident of Philadelphia, having been raised in Fishtown and currently living (when I get home) just up the street from St. Katherine of Sienna Parrish. I have family members and many friends who are Vietnam Veterans, as well as having personally participating in the final leg of the march that brought the names of our fallen to the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial from Washington D.C.

We were grateful to receive the many packages that you sent here and have already distributed the items to our troops and American civilians working here. It is heartwarming to know that folks back home have not forgotten us and the items you sent were a great reminder of the tastes of home that we are dearly missing. It is only with the continued support of our families, the communities and people like your members and their families that we are able to stay focused on our mission at hand.

My thanks go out to you and your organization for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers during the extended time and holidays we have spent away from our loved ones. The cigars came in a timely manner as we are preparing to pass the torch to the Team relieving us, they will be a great celebratory treat.

As a token of our appreciation, please look in your mail during the next couple of weeks for a flag that we flew over FOB Shield on April 24, 2012 in honor of your organization. This United States Flag was the symbol of not only our nations' commitment to freedom, but the dedication of the American people. Also, it was the only U.S. Flag flown in the entire Ghor Province of Afghanistan on this date.

Again, please accept our heartfelt thanks for the gracious support you have given us during this deployment.

R/S

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