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Mrs. Dee Dee King  
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Dear Mrs. King:

Please find enclosed the Office of the Secretary of Defense Group Achievement Award. This award is for your significant contribution as a member of the Department of Defense Deoxyribonucleic Acid Family Reference Sample Collection Task Force. Your service to the Department of Defense and the U.S. Navy has been truly remarkable. The thorough Genealogical research you conducted yielded viable family reference sample contacts for Sailors missing from the Korean War, Cold War, and the Vietnam War.

As the Navy's sole contract Genealogist, you performed admirably in resolving remaining Korean War, Cold War, and Vietnam War unaccounted for cases pending a Family Reference Sample. This effort enabled the Navy Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Branch to complete its Post World War II Family Reference Sample Program 18 months ahead of schedule and shifted focus to World War II Navy loss incidents.

Your work significantly improved the Department of Defense's capability to identify recovered remains and enabled the U.S. government to remain true to its promise to return missing service members to our homeland and to their families.

Your uncompromising efforts are a testament to your patriotic citizenship, dedication, and commitment to honoring the sacrifices of our nation's heroes who remain unaccounted for. Please know that we recognize you as a true "home front hero" and we thank you for your service. Your faithful service, loyalty, and devotion to duty have been in keeping with the highest standards of the Department of Defense and the U.S. Navy.

Sincerely,

*Thank you.*

*R. M. GERO*

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Director,  
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