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mother---1 (with dawson article)

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SAIGON---On November 6, 1957, Mrs. ~~Margery~~ ^{EX} Margerite M. Dawson of Costa Mesa, California, received word that her husband's ~~missed~~ tuna fishing boat was missing off the Southern coast of California.

He was never found.

Seven years to the exact day later, Mrs. Dawson, ^{the} ~~the~~ ⁷ ~~7~~ ^{CABLE} secretary for a marine products firm, received ~~later~~ that one of her two sons, Lt. Daniel ^G Dawson, was missing in action in Viet Nam. A pilot of a two-seat L-19 light reconnaissance spotter plane, ~~his~~ ^{HE} body has yet to be found dead or alive.

Less than a month after receiving news from Vietnam about her son Dan's ~~elderest~~ ^{ELDER} ~~elder~~ son Dan's mishap, her second son Donald C., the father of four children, flew to Saigon to learn more details about the fate of his brother.

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As Donald, at the risk of his own life, traveled through Viet Cong-c Communist-infested areas ^{NEAR} in their infamous D-Zone stronghold ~~area~~ only 40 miles north of Saigon, he received a ~~poignant~~ ~~poignant~~ letter from his mother.

"My mother is the only one who understands why I came here," Donald explained in Saigon. "My wife thought I thought more of him ^(Don) than I did of her. But we have our whole lifetime together--if I come out of this alive."

This is the ^{POIGNANT} letter, Donald's mother wrote to him from Long Beach California on January 18:

My Dearest Son Don--

There is so little I can say. Words never could say what is in my heart. How deeply I yearn to be able to tell you of the sorrow we all are sharing--of the burden you alone are carrying out for all of us--and so all ~~along~~ alone. I wish I could tell you of the love and pride I have for you Don--and the gratefulness for the wonderful project you have taken on for our Danny. I know what a heartbreaking job it has been for you. I can only say I love you. I love you for yourself alone. And if its (sic) possible--my pride for you and your endeavors on Danny behalf--just make my heartache for you and your sorrow and all our love that all of us had for each one of us.

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~~And its (sic) still all there Don--Dad loved each one of~~

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And its (sic) still all there Don--Dad loved each one of us--
Dan loved us all. And love never really dies. It will always
be there--in our hearts--each time a thought or a memory comes--
the love will be there to soften the blow of our loss--and the
yearning for those who have gone on ahead. Dad and Danny will be
waiting for us--and I'm sure--they are watching over us--guiding
our paths till we come to the end of our trails. They will be ~~the~~
there to guide us across into that other world they have gone
~~by~~ too (sic). And I feel sure that Dan and Dad both are just as
proud of you as the rest of us--for your loving efforts. You
truly have grown to be a man--a man all fathers, mothers and
brothers would be so proud to call their own. Let these few
poorly written words tell you ⁴ of all of our love and pride
in you Don. Let me speak for your Dad and Danny--all our love
always--

Mother

P. S.

I have kept a candle lit in the Catholic Church--near where
we live--ever since you left. Two candles really. One for you--
and your safe return. One for Danny--with the prayer--that if he
was still in voil of tears--to give him strength and guidance--b
if God had already called him home--I asked God to make a good
soldier--a guardian angel--and let him watch over his family. I
somehow always felt that this was x the real meaning and answer
our prayers. The strength and guidance ~~now~~

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didn't need any more--so God gave it to you. I think now it
somehow was really for you any way Don. Voya Can Dios

Love,

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