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James G. Roche
Secretary of the Air Force
Pentagon
Washington, DC

RE: Historical Accuracy of the shoot down of
Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, 18 April 1943

Dear Secretary Roche:

The 1947 law creating the Boards for Correction of Military Records allows that the Secretary of the Air Force, on his own authority, alone, can order the correction of a military record. Therefore you can and should direct the Office of Air Force History to correct military history to record that Colonel Rex T. Barber, alone and unassisted, shot down the aircraft carrying Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto on April 18, 1943 and that Lt. Colonel Thomas G. Lanphier did not attack the Yamamoto-airplane.

To do this you may choose to appoint an independent investigator to examine the attached documentary proof that:

1. The present finding of the Office of Air Force History that the credit for the shoot down of Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto on April 18, 1943 should be divided between pilots Thomas G. Lanphier and Rex T. Barber is incorrect.
2. There has been a conscious effort by people within the Office of Air Force History and the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records to thwart our efforts for the proper correction of Air Force history.

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I strongly suggest that you do not name Harlan G. Wilder, Chief, General Law Division, JAG, to be part of this investigation - - he is part of the problem as documented in the attached evidence.

This request is designed to parallel one that you will receive from President Bush.

To assist your investigator, should you appoint one, the SYMA website has all of the documentation regarding this matter. It is currently being updated and can be accessed at: www.futurekansas.com/syma. At the completion of the updating, it will revert to our regular website at: www.syma.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially,

George T. Chandler
President
Second Yamamoto Mission Association

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