

19 February, 2013

Honorable John D. Dingell
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15th District, Michigan
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Attn: Sharon Vespremi

RE: Major Charles Kettle

Ms. Vespremi:

This letter is in reference to the attempt to get Major Charles Kettles's Distinguished Service Cross, awarded for action on 15 May, 1967, reconsidered for the Medal Of Honor.

I was there at the Song Tra Cau engagement and enclosed you will find a statement concerning my recollections of that day. The fighting that day was fierce and we were greatly outnumbered. I am positive that had it not been for the valor and leadership demonstrated by Major Kettles on that day myself and many other men of the 101st Airborne Division would not have lived to see the end of that day. In my opinion Major Kettles richly deserves our nations highest award for bravery.

Sincerely

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