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STEVE ISRAEL
Second District, New York

January 19, 2003

Alan J. Weiss
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Dear Alan:

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I offer my support to the Marine CORPS, Vietnam Helicopter Memorial, History and Educational Restoration Project, in their quest to restore an UH-34D helicopter. The UH-34D helicopter upheld our nations goals, with the capability of completing their missions and providing service to our troops in Vietnam

The Marine CORPS has a proud history of combat service with the United States. Very few combat units have acquired the honors and acknowledgments that the "Flying Tigers" received for their service in Southeast Asia. Your efforts to provide a historical perspective for our students and citizens only adds to your organizations outstanding record.

I am proud of Long Island's Veterans and their continued commitment to worthwhile causes. No other group has more dedication or love for our country. It is with sincerity that I recognize you and your members for their valuable service to our country. You make your voices heard, and I am proud to work with you for the respect you deserve!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Israel". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

STEVE ISRAEL
Member of Congress

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