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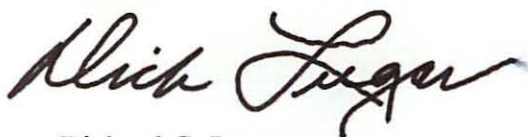
Benjamin Thompson
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Dear Mr. Thompson:

I had the opportunity to review Jack Thompson's recent interview with my Veterans History Project team and I have forwarded your grandfather's interview to the Library of Congress where it will become part of the permanent collection of the Veterans History Project. This project is a national collection of personal histories on audio and video tape as well as letters, diaries, maps and photographs. It encompasses veterans and those with civilian connections of World War I, World War II, and the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars. All recordings of personal histories will be a part of the Library of Congress/American Folklife Center National Veterans History Collection. They will be housed at the Library in Washington, D.C. or partner institutions, such as military museums, history centers, or local libraries and archives. The Library of Congress is in the process of creating a comprehensive and searchable catalog of all materials so you may publicly view your grandfather's unselfish contribution to this project.

You should be very proud of your grandfather's service to our country. Today's generations and future citizens have much to learn from those who served. It is my hope that the Veterans History Project will honor Hoosier war veterans and create a lasting body of documentary materials that will inform Americans in the decades ahead. If you are aware of any veteran or civilian connected Hoosier who would also like to participate in the Veterans History Project, please e-mail their name, address and telephone number to vetproject@lugar.senate.gov to arrange an interview, or call (317) 226-5555.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar
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