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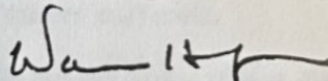
Dear Ms. Bidwell:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful response to the CBS "60 Minutes" segment that focused on the class that I teach.

I am interested in learning of your approach. But I have a rule that I don't ask anyone to speak in the class unless I have had an opportunity to get to know them, and have talked with them about what they intend to say.

If you would like to send more detailed information, I'd be happy to receive it.

Sincerely,



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Dear Professor Katz: (I do hope that's the way you spell your name!)

You will no doubt be inundated with correspondence after last night's **60 Minutes** program, however, I do hope you will have time to give this letter some consideration.

During the years you have presented the course on the Vietnam war, have you ever had a mother address the assembly? My son, and only child, served two tours - one as an enlisted man on a special assignment, and one as a Cobra pilot. He was recommended for the MH, but because the action took place over Laos and we were not supposed to be there, it was downgraded to a DFC. He also has a silver star, and many other decorations. He came back physically unscathed and to all appearance never had a moment of maladjustment, but he is not, nor can he ever be, the peaceful, carefree person who went to Nam.

I am articulate, logical, and objective, although the whole idea would be to be **subjective**. I would like to convey how a parent felt while the government did not support the troops in an honest effort to win, and while the country demonstrated against the conflict. Mostly, I wish I could make the **nation** understand the importance of either fighting to win or not fighting at all.

Many students taking this course must be children of Vietnam vets... and whether they realize it or not, have been emotionally affected in their rearing by the experiences their fathers suffered.

This can all be stated quite briefly. Please let me know if you are at all interested. If so, then I can submit more detailed information.

Sincerely,

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