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Ms. Laura Abrams,

Thank you for having your students write me the wonderful letters and sending teddy bears to soldiers at Task Force 38 here at Joint Base Balad, Iraq. It is truly a humbling and amazing feeling to know the Army has such great supporters back in the U.S.

Enclosed I have responding letters to both of the classes. I also included some coloring pages of our unit logo for the third and fourth grade students as a fun activity. The pictures of soldiers with their bears are on the C.D.

Everyone who received a bear was grateful. One soldier almost broke into tears because he was so touched at the thought of children taking care of our military. Other soldiers used their bears as office mascots, or donated their bears to our humanitarian mission, Operation Falcon Care. This way, some of the teddy bears your students sent to us will eventually reach Iraqi children who have close to nothing.

I am extremely grateful to participate in this operation with your students, and thankful for your assistance in making it a huge success. Your support is sincerely appreciated.

"Above the Best!"

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