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Dear Friend:

Accompanying this letter is a sample of wine from my Napa Valley Estate, Castello Da Vinci.

I am making a bottle of this very limited vintage available to you because I believe in the very awesome facts and truth contained in an upcoming book which features me, my career and Castello Da Vinci itself.

While the book, Perfect Killer by author Lewis Perdue, takes many dramatic (and acceptable) liberties with the specifics of my own life, it makes a very serious point about the all-too-real choices that must be made by our military and political leadership in the near future.

As so very aptly pointed out in a non-fiction "Afterword" by former intelligence officer and current professor at the U.S. War College, Col. Richard Gabriel (USA, Ret.), the visible horizon of modern warfare reveals a future in which our current nuclear, biological and chemical weapons are but child's play. Dr. Gabriel is a long time friend, colleague and comrade-in-arms whose impeccable credentials make his words and warning all that more chilling.

I plan to make this issue a central focus of my campaign for the presidency in 2008. Whether I win or lose the race, the real victory will be the first open discussion of these awesome choices and the consequences which will inevitably follow.

After you read Perfect Killer, you may ask yourself, "Why has General Braxton allowed himself to be portrayed in such a manner?" I have done so because I believe that author Perdue has used the dramatization to make the best possible point. Sadly, I am not the war hero he portrays me as, and fortunately I have never received a head wound or been subject to the medical treatments he writes about.

However, I believe that Perdue has used my life to great advantage to show what could happen and that is vital. To play the villain in such a rip-roaring good read based on fact and truth has been an honor.

Thus, please enjoy the enclosed bottle with my compliments. And if you ever have the opportunity to read Perdue's book, you'll discover just how important the underlying facts are.

Sincerely,

Clark Braxton