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Letter to Sonora Dodd from Kenton D. McFarland, April 18, 1951

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PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE
Fairchild Air Force Base
Fairchild, Washington

18 April 1951

Mrs. John Bruce Dodd
2208 East Sprague
Spokane, Washington

Dear Mrs. Dodd:

At your request, I went through our picture files and secured as many prints of last year's Father's Day party, as were available. The pictures are inclosed and below is a written summary of the day.

"Approximately 100 youngsters from Spokane children's homes were guests of Fairchild Air Force Base, Father's Day, June 18, 1950.

"Weeks before the celebrated day, established by you to honor our fathers, the base paper, BOMBER VIEWS, started appealing to airmen to act as foster father's for the children. Due to the success of the party the year before, little effort was required to enlist "father's."

"The Public Information Office arranged elaborate plans for entertaining both the volunteer airmen and their guests for the day. The Non-Commissioned Officers Club, which had just opened their new building the week before, agreed to furnish lunch which was to consist of fried chicken and other delicacies.

"On the appointed day, three loads of children from St. Joseph, Hutton Settlement, House of Good Sheppard, Washington Children's Home and Spokane Children's Home arrived at the airmen's room in the NCO Club at 12:00 o'clock where they were met by their "Fathers-For-A-Day."

"After the luncheon, the airmen "Dads" and their small charges toured the base; many of the children for the first time seeing the interior of the famed B-29 bombers. The airmen then showed their temporary "children" through the flight line and other points of interest on the base.

"The children were returned to their respective Homes by early evening via military buses."

Although the party was for just a short time, many warm friendships were developed during the day. Several airmen have since contacted their "children" and invited them on picnics or entertained

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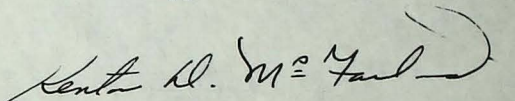
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