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Hector P. Garcia, M.D.  
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Dear Doctor Garcia:

This is in reply to your letter of 26 July 1969 concerning the physical condition of Private First Class Manuel Lopez. Your letter was referred to me inasmuch as I have overall medical supervision for the patients in Brooke General Hospital.

Private Lopez was admitted to a hospital in Germany on 7 December 1968, because of difficulty in maintaining his balance. During the subsequent period of his hospitalization, in Germany, and since his transfer to Brooke General Hospital on 1 November 1968, a review of his history and all indicated studies resulted in the finding that Private Lopez had had a problem with incoordination prior to entering the military service. However, this did not interfere with his performing his military duties until December 1968. On 15 July 1969 a Board of Medical Officers found Private Lopez unfit for military service and recommended referral of his case to the Physical Evaluation Board. This Board, which considers disability, is under the control of the Army Physical Disability Agency and forwards their recommendations to that Agency. The recommendations are eventually forwarded to the Secretary of the Army, where orders are issued. There is legal counsel at the Physical Evaluation Board level and counseling is available throughout the entire process.

Thank you for your interest in this case. As you requested, I will keep you advised of further developments and the final outcome.

Sincerely,

  
WILLIAM H. MONCRIEF, JR.  
Brigadier General, Medical Corps  
Commanding