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Dear Dr. Garcia:

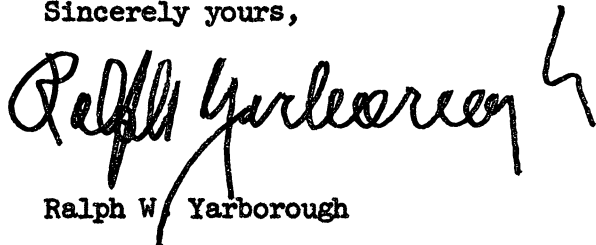
Thank you for your letter of April 15th expressing an interest in the compassionate transfer for Sergeant First Class Joseph Bazan, Jr., who is presently assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Before any effective action can be taken here in Washington, the military member must prepare and submit an official request for compassionate reassignment and submit it through his military unit. After that is done, I can contact the Department of the Army here to express my interest in the case and urge serious and careful consideration. I might say, however, that it is my understanding that these type transfers are not normally granted in cases where the condition justifying the transfer is of a permanent nature. The various branches of the armed services generally encourage a member to consider asking for a hardship discharge if the circumstances seem to be of a permanent nature. Sergeant Bazan, however, can probably obtain better guidance on this from the personnel section at Fort Bragg.

Please have Sergeant Bazan write to me directly after he has taken the initial action to proceed with this matter or if he has already submitted the application, I would appreciate knowing in order that I can try to be helpful.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Ralph W. Yarborough

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