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Dear Mr. Young:

This is in reply to your recent inquiry concerning Storekeeper Seaman Noe Arevalo, United States Navy.

In view of the large number of requests received for humanitarian assignment, it is necessary to limit approval to those cases which meet the following requirements: (1) the existence of a hardship not normally encountered by other servicemen; (2) the possibility of resolution of the hardship within four months; (3) the necessity of the serviceman's presence to alleviate the hardship. This means that the serviceman's presence is not only desired for morale purposes, but is also required to provide necessary assistance. Normally, requests are not approved when there are other relatives nearby who can furnish the needed help.

Seaman Arevalo's request for humanitarian assignment was recently received, and was accorded careful and sympathetic consideration by a board of officers and enlisted men. Although the board recognized that a degree of hardship exists, it was felt that the circumstances, as presented, do not warrant a humanitarian transfer at this time. His request was therefore disapproved.

Seaman Arevalo's request was referred to the Hardship Discharge Board for further consideration of a hardship discharge. After careful review of the evidence submitted, however, his release for hardship reasons was not recommended.

The fact that Seaman Arevalo's application was denied does not mean that credence was not given to his claim of hardship, but rather that, on a comparative basis, his hardship is not severe enough to warrant a humanitarian assignment or a hardship discharge.

Your interest in Seaman Arevalo's behalf is appreciated.

By direction of the Chief of Naval Personnel:

Sincerely yours,

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