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FORT HOOD, TEXAS 76544

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Honorable John Young  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Young:

This is in reference to your inquiry of 25 September 1970 concerning Private Esiquio Gonzales, Jr.

You were advised by the Chief of Staff, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, that although Private Gonzales had been transferred from that installation to Fort Hood, he had gone absent without official leave on 29 September. Private Gonzales was returned to military control at this station on 27 October and is currently pending trial by Special Court-martial.

In view of the information contained in your letter of 25 September, Private Gonzales was given a psychiatric examination on 24 November. The report received from the Mental Hygiene Consultation Service indicates Private Gonzales has no significant emotional illness which would warrant further psychiatric evaluation or which would be a barrier to his trial.

You may assure Mrs. Gonzales that her son will receive a fair trial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and any extenuating or mitigating circumstances will be considered.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN M. FORD  
Colonel, AGC  
Adjutant General