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Honorable
Stanley R. Resor
Secretary of the Army
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We, the members of the San Antonio Central G.I. Forum, are writing this letter on behalf of Sergeant Esquivel Torres, a member of the U.S. Army from Brownsville, Texas. Sergeant Torres is accused of murdering four (4) Vietnamese civilians in connection with the alleged My Lai massacre.

We politely, but strongly appeal that you use your good judgement and influence to have the charges against Sergeant Torres dropped. Our organization does not condone whatever may have occurred at My Lai, but we feel that other cases of similar occurrences have set a precedent. One incident in particular is the Special Forces case involving the Green Berets. All the charges were dropped on orders from the pentagon.

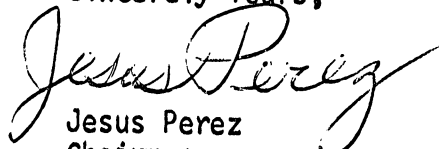
We sincerely hope that it is not the intent of the United States Army to use Sergeant Esquivel Torres as a scapegoat for the My Lai incident, especially in view of the fact that charges against several of the high ranking officers involved have been dropped. We also make note of the fact that Captain Ernest Medina, another proud American of Mexican descent, is to face court martial proceeding for the My Lai incident.

Please advice if you, as Secretary of the Army can render any assistance to Sergeant Esquivel Torres.

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