

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Doctor Garcia:

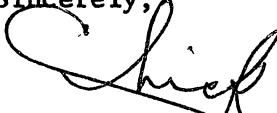
This will acknowledge receipt of your recent letter concerning Corporal Martinez who is in Vietnam with the Marine Corps.

Immediate contact has been made with the Marines in the Pentagon for a full report on his situation. Just as soon as I hear anything, I shall be in touch with you again.

It has been explained to me that there is no regulation which provides a Marine to leave Vietnam after receiving his third wound. The Marine officials usually transfer him out of the combat area. Also, the wound must have been received while the Marine is engaged in a hostile action in order to be considered for the Purple Heart. These are some of the questions that the Marine officials in the Pentagon are trying to clear up so that they can give me a report on this boy.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,



ABRAHAM KAZEN, JR., M.C.

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cc: Mr. Amando G. Martinez