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MR. JAMES T. GREYTON
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DEAR MR. GREYTON:

I AM TAKING THE LIBERTY IN WRITING TO YOU REQUESTING YOUR HELP, IF POSSIBLE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOLLOWING:

WHEN I WAS IN THE NAVY IN HAWAII DURING THE SPRING OF 1947, A FIRE BROKE OUT IN ONE OF THE WAREHOUSES AND I WAS ONE OF THE ONES WHO HELPED FIGHT IT. EVER SINCE THEN I HAVE HAD TROUBLE WITH MY EYES AND IT HAS GOTTEN TO THE POINT WHERE I CANNOT SEE. I AM TRYING TO PROVE TO THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION THAT MY EYE CONDITION IS SERVICE-CONNECTED AS MY EYES WERE IN PERFECT CONDITION UNTIL I HELPED IN FIGHTING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED FIRE. THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION HAS REQUESTED THAT I SUBMIT AFFIDAVITS FROM EX-SERVICEMEN WHO WERE WITH ME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE.

IF YOU RECALL THIS FIRE AND IF YOU REMEMBER THAT I WAS IN IT AND THAT I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GOING BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC AND SIGNING AN AFFIDAVIT TO THAT EFFECT; THAT YOU KNEW ME, SERVED WITH ME AND THAT YOU REMEMBER MY EYES WERE ALL RIGHT BEFORE THE FIRE AND THAT YOU SAW ME FIGHTING THE FIRE AND THAT YOU KNEW I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT OF MY EYES RIGHT AFTER THAT FIRE, ETC. THIS WILL BE OF GREAT HELP TO ME IN CONNECTION WITH MY CLAIM WITH THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION FOR SERVICE-CONNECTION OF MY EYE CONDITION.

IF YOU HAVE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ANY OTHER VETERANS WHO SERVED WITH US DURING THE SPRING OF 1947 IN HAWAII, I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING THEM TO ME SO THAT I CAN WRITE TO THEM AND ASK THEM FOR THEIR HELP AS I NEED AFFIDAVITS FROM THREE OR FOUR MEN WHO SERVED WITH ME DURING THAT TIME AND WHO KNEW ABOUT THE FIRE AND MY PART IN IT AND MY EYE CONDITION AFTERWARDS.

THANK YOU FOR ANY HELP THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE ME.

SINCERELY,

ARTURO RAMON SALINAS