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MR. JAMES WATERS
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DEAR MR. WATERS:

I AM TAKING THE LIBERTY IN WRITING TO YOU REQUEST NG 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 FIGHT-
ING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED FIRE. THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION HAS REQUEST-
ED 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 AFTERWARDS, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
GOING TO 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 APPRE-
CIATE 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 KNOW 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