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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20380

IN REPLY REFER TO

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3 MAY 1968

Honorable Eligio de la Garza
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. de la Garza:

This is in reply to your letter of 26 April 1968 regarding the late Private Domingo RODRIGUEZ, Jr., 2389863, U. S. Marine Corps.

I regret that there are no funds provided by Public Law, whereby reimbursement for funeral expenses can be paid to families who conduct a memorial funeral when remains are not recovered.

The records of this Headquarters indicate, however, that a DD Form 1330 (Application for Headstone or Marker) was provided Mrs. Rachael Rodriguez on 25 March 1968, which she should complete and forward to the Chief of Support Services, Memorial Division, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. 20350, if she desires a Memorial Plaque to be procured at government expense in memory of her late son.

All benefits payable by the Marine Corps will be or have already been paid to Mrs. Rachael Rodriguez except for 50% of Private Rodriguez's death gratuity proceeds which he designated his brother, Rodrigo Rodriguez, to receive. The benefits payable to Mrs. Rodriguez include 100% of the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance, 100% of her son's unpaid pay and allowances (arrears of pay) and the other 50% of the death gratuity.

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In addition to the above, appropriate forms were provided to Mrs. Rodriguez for making application to the Veterans and Social Security Administrations for claiming any benefits that may be due her from these Agencies in connection with her son's service.

I regret that a more favorable reply cannot be made.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leo J. Dulacki".

LEO J. DULACKI
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Assistant Director of Personnel