

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

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Oscar Mendiola, B71 40 65  
U.S.S. John Paul Jones (DDG-32)  
Pre-Commissioning Detail  
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Norfolk, Virginia 23511

Dear Seaman Mendiola:

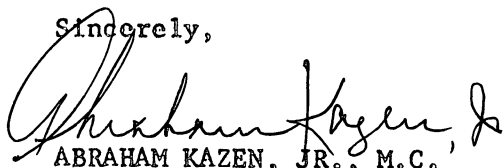
This will acknowledge your letter bringing me up to date on your trying to resolve your problems involving your family.

I do not believe that I am in a position to advise you as to the proper approach to your problem. While you may apply for either a hardship discharge or a humanitarian assignment or both, there is no guarantee your application will be met with success. If you feel that there is a nearby Naval Station in which there may be a slot available for you, and if it is close enough for you to be of help to your family, then possibly this may be a solution. The Navy cannot guarantee how long they will be able to keep you at a duty station close to home; however, if you feel this temporary reassignment would be helpful to you and your family, then by all means make the necessary application.

The attached has been received to acknowledge receipt of my inquiry in your behalf. As soon as I receive a report, I shall be in touch with you promptly.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

  
ABRAHAM KAZEN, JR., M.C.

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cc: Mr. and Mrs. Cristobal Mendiola  
Hector P. Garcia, M.D.