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Secretary of the Navy
→ John S. Connally Jr.
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Sir.

I wish to call your attention to a case about which you may have personal knowledge since you are a resident of Fort Worth as I am.

In November, 1959 an event was well publicized in the Fort Worth newspapers concerning a person who had gone to the Soviet Union to reside for a short time, (much in the same way E. Hemingway resided in Paris.)

This person in answer to questions put to him by reporters in Moscow criticized certain facets of American life. The story was blown up into another "turncoat" sensation, with the result that the Navy Department gave this person a belated dishonourable discharge, although he had received an honourable discharge after three years service on Sept. 11, 1957 at El Toro, Marine Corps base in California.

These are the basic facts of my case.

I have and always had the full sanction of the U.S. Embassy, Moscow U.S.S.R. and hence the U.S. government. In as much as I am returning to the U.S.A. in this year with the aid of the U.S. Embassy, bring with me my family (and I married in the U.S.A.) I shall employ all means to right this gross mistake or injustice to a born-fee'd U.S. citizen and ex-service man. The U.S. government has no charges or complaints against me. I ask you to look into this case and take the necessary steps to repair the damage done to me and my family. For information I would direct you to consult the American Embassy, Chikovski St. 19/21, Moscow, U.S.S.R.

Thank you

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Department of State Washington D.C. for
the verification of this fact.

also, I was aware of the finding
of the board of officers of 8 August 1960.
I was notified by my mother in
December 1962.

My request to the Secretary of
the Navy, his referral to you and
your letter to me, did not say
anything about a Review which
is what I was trying to arrange.

Your notation "reliable information"
as the basis for the undesirable
discharge. I have no doubt it was
newspaper speculation which formed
your "reliable information".

Under U.S. law governing the
use of passports and conduct abroad
I have a perfect right to reside in
my country I wish too.

I had not violated Section 1544,
Title 18, U.S. Code, therefore you

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