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Honorable Henry M. Jackson United States Senator U. S. Courthouse, Room 802 Seattle, WA 98104

OJALA, George P.

Dear Senator Jackson:

On April 1, 1979, the evaluation of Mr. Ojala's service-connected nervous condition was reduced from 100 percent to 50 percent disabling. Mr. Ojala appealed this decision and a subsequent decision denying him a 100 percent evaluation while hospitalized.

On September 1, 1982, the Board of Veterans Appeals granted his claim for a temporary 100 percent evaluation during his periods of hospitalization, but denied an increase in his present 50 percent evaluation.

Award action was taken on October 19, 1982 to authorize Mr. Ojala the 100 percent rate for his periods of hospitalization from September 25, 1979 to November 1, 1979, from November 26, 1979 to June 1, 1980 and from September 22, 1981 to December 1, 1981. He ramains evaluated as 50 percent disabled when not hospitalized. He will receive a retroactive payment of \$6480.56 in the near future.

Your interest on behalf of Mr. Ojala is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD F. MURPHY Director