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Congressman

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- RE: 1. Veterans Administrations illegal denial of retroactive benefits...and
2. Charges of Fraud, willful misconduct, human and civil rights violations and of following an illegal policy of underrating service-connected disabilities.

Congressman Riggs:

I am a 100% service-connected Vietnam Veteran and I have been fighting the Veterans administration for over thirteen years over an illegal reductions of benefits that started in the Carter Administration. (1978)

In the enclosed documentation, I call Portrait of the Living Dead, A con't Legacy of Vietnam., I have documented my case in total accordance with VA Regulations on Resonable Doubt and "Obvious error". I have sent this information to the VA close to six years ago and, having mislabeled my appeal under "Notice of Disagreement", they never had to address the error that they made.

I had the ex-congressman Bosco involved and his attitude was pathetic and I had to hound him for over 4 years to take any action. I even got down on my hands and knees and begged his Eureka Aid to do something. I was told many times they couldn't do anything...I even filed the above charges against the Veterans Administration back in Fall of '88...and nothing ever happened.

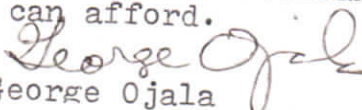
The problems that I have encountered are best summerized in the two letters I have from the VA on why they can't take any action....on my appeal. The Veteran Board of Appeals in Washington D.C. say "they can't open my case since my records are kept in San Francisco and I have to start there". Meanwhile, The Regional Office in San Francisco says "All Board Of Veterans Appeal are handled in D.C. so they can't do anything."

It has taken thirteen years of writing letters and appealing to the VA and the Congressman who have represented me to get this far. "The left hand doesn't know what the right hand does". I have written President Jimmy Carter, as well as, Congressman Alan Cranston, Norm Dicks, John Glenn and four years of Bosco (see enclosure). None of them would take it the step beyond to right the wrong.

The truth of the matter is that I have kept my appeal case open for over thirteen years (on April Fool's Day '91). I have written the neccessary letters and have eroded the V.A.'s position to one of incompetance.

One of the problems is that the VA does it's own investigating and writes it's own reports. All ~~your~~ inquiries you recieve are sent to the VA and you just get the reply. As a result, I don't (havn't) have recourse.

I ask that you take the final step and even if it takes an Act of Congress to resolve this issue. I ask that you take my case to the Justice Department as this issue involves all Veterans, not just Vietnam Veterans. Thank you in advance for all the help you can afford.


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