

April 22, 1991

Frank Riggs
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 envolved 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 incompetence.

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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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON

September 3, 1993

Mr. George Ojala
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Dear Mr. Ojala:

Thank you for taking the time to write and ask Vice President Gore for assistance with the matter you described. I am pleased to have this opportunity to respond on his behalf.

I noted that you already have been in touch with the government agency with jurisdiction over this situation. At this point, I believe your best course of action will be to continue to work with that agency to ensure that officials there are fully aware of your circumstances and responsive to your needs. In addition, I encourage you to take advantage of every option available to you as you attempt to find an appropriate resolution.

Once again, thank you for turning to this office. We genuinely hope that this matter is brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Mason".

Bill Mason
Director of Correspondence

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Bill Clinton, President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

January 21, 1998

Certified: P 325 962 165

**RE: WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, GROSS NEGLIGENCE AND VIOLATIONS OF
MY RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS AND THE BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS**

Mr. Clinton:

I am writing back to you in regards to a Certified letter #325 964 841 I sent to you on October 8th, 1997, which the White House Mail Room received on October 15, 1997. In that letter, I stated my claim against the VA over a reductions of benefits that covered a seven year span from 1977 to 1984 and supporting documentation. I am responding back to you on the results of your inquiry and make the above charges against Senior Deputy Vice Chairman **Richard B. Standefer** and I am enclosing seven letters to support my allegations.

The first letter, marked as Exhibit "A" is dated, January 23rd, 1997 and is from Charles L. Cragin, the Chairman of the Board of Veterans Appeals. Mr. Cragin states that **"the Board's decision will be reviewed in order to determine if due process of law was denied, relevant evidence was misstated or omitted, incorrect law was used in resolving the issues on appeal, or the law was misapplied"**.

The second letter [Certified P 558 124 456 and dated: January 31st, 1997] I'd like you to look at is marked as Exhibit "B". I wrote the Chairman this letter in response to Exhibit "A", over their ability to render a fair decision and quoted 38 CFR 4:23 which deals with the **"Attitude of Rating Officer"**. I also made a request under 38 CFR 1.577 ACCESS TO RECORDS to see my Records.

Enclosed as Exhibit "C" is the April 3rd, 1997 letter from Richard B. Standefer, from the Board of Veterans Appeals, stating, **"Please be advised that the Board, having previously denied your motion for reconsideration, can take no further action on your behalf"**.

Find enclosed as Exhibit "D" is a Certified letter P 558 124 455, dated: April 18th, 1997, I sent to the Chairman about Mr. Standefer's Illegal dismissal of a motion before the Board. I looked up the regulation he used and he was and is in violation of the law he operates under. Using 38 CFR 19.12 I asked, in particular, that Deputy Dog be disqualified for non performance in the letter marked as Exhibit "E". I also changed the Motion for Reconsideration before the Board, using 38 CFR20.202 to that of a **SUBSTANTIVE APPEAL**.

Find enclosed as Exhibit "E" is the April 25th, 1997 letter from Board of Veterans Appeals responding to my January 31st, 1997 letter in Exhibit "B". The request to see my records is being sent to the VA Regional Office in Oakland where my records are maintained.

Find enclosed as Exhibit "F" is the June 18th, 1997 letter from the Regional Office of the VA setting July 11, 1997 as the date for me to see my Records. At that review, I found out that the VA had my Distinguished Flying Cross that I had sent to you in my first packet. They refused to give it back to me and I would have been violating VA Law if I took it back. I also found that vital documentation from a Doctor was missing from my file, even though it is mentioned several times in documentation in that time span back to 1982, that would be key to my Appeal.

As an attachment to Exhibit "F", is a hand written note that I wrote on July, 11th, 1997 while I was at that Record Review. I directed it to the Adjudication Division of the VA, which would include both the Regional Office and that of the Board of Veterans Appeals. I again state that the **Notice of Reconsideration** before the Board has been mislabeled and is a **Substantive Appeal**.

The last Exhibit, marked as "G", is the October 17th, 1997 letter from **Deputy Dog Standefer** stating that my April 18, 1997 correspondence to the former Chairman Charles L. Cragin "**has been construed as another motion for reconsideration**"... "**and is denied**". Deputy Dog is referring to Exhibit "D" above.

As I have documented in Exhibit "D", and again in the handwritten note I added to my VA Adjudication file (Exhibit F), my appeal before the Board is a **SUBSTANTIVE APPEAL**. To perfect that appeal, I asked to see my file and make copies of what I needed to finalize my brief before the board.

When I did see my file, I found that essential documentation had been removed and while there, I also found out that the '**higher ups**' were anxiously waiting to get my file after I was done. I was suppose to receive the copies I had marked in my file within ten working days [see Exhibit F, second page labeled '**what is a folder review**'].

After waiting three months for, what I thought was the information I needed to perfect my case, I get the above October 17th, 1997 letter from the Dog. So, again, without an opportunity to respond, the Board of Veterans Appeals has closed my appeal. I again refer you to the April 18th 1997 letter Standefer is answering. In the last paragraph of that letter I state: '**I ASK THAT UNDER 38 CFR 19.12, THAT DICK SANDEFER BE DISQUALIFIED**'.

I also ask you to refer to the Regulations the VA operates under USCA 7103 A) B) and C) concerning the requirements of the Board in Ruling on Motion for Reconsideration's. **These regulations state that three of the five members of the Board have to review the case to constitute a ruling.**

In closing, I have shown enough information to warrant an Inquiry into my case and, by these actions alone, I should received a ruling in my favor under the USCA, section 5107 dealing with '**reasonable doubt**'.

Thank you for your attention,



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January 21, 1998

RE: I WANT MY DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS BACK FROM VA.

Sue:

I got your name from my VA file when I reviewed my records on July 11, 1997 and I am writing to ask that you get my DFC back from the VA. When I sent you my "stuff", I included my DFC to show that I had been. Your office sent it on to the VA and I saw it while reviewing my records.

The Oakland VA Regional Office told me I couldn't get it back, period, and told me to order a copy of it. I could have taken it from my records and walked off with it and chose not to do so. Just because the VA Adjudication Branch breaks the law, as documented in my VA Appeal Case, I didn't want to stoop down to their level and do the same.

I also wanted you to know that I have been shopping my "story" around and I have two organizations that want to run with me. I haven't made a decision, because I wanted your office to know what I am doing before hand, so you don't get blind sided.

I have a twenty year history of documentation with the Veterans Administration and the enclosure to the President is just the tip of the Ice burg. I sent you that information in my first letter to the President and you forwarded it all to the VA. This time I am enclosing two copies of my formal letter, with documentation, with one going to the VA.

I feel that, based on my documentation, Deputy Dog should be fired from his post for his unwarranted actions against me and an investigation started to get to the bottom of this atrocity. I am a 100% service connected veteran, and as a disabled person, I feel I have been totally taken advantage of by the VA, only, because, I have been representing myself.

I would also state that this is the status quo for all veterans who apply for benefits from the Veterans Administration. In fact, both the Reagan and Bush Administrations knew about the illegal policies followed by the VA and it has been well documented in the press. My documentation comes from the bottom end and I am tired of being treated like one.

In closing, the purpose of my writing again is to ask the President to Champion the Rights of Veterans. It would seem ironic that a President that didn't go to war, was the only President to help those that did go to war.

Thank you for your attention,

George Ojala