Mr. Frank Vera

Dear Mr. Vera:

I am enclosing copies of letters sent to the Veterans Administration and also the Department of the Air Force written on your behalf.

As soon as I receive a response I will notify you, and would appreciate your notifying me of any new information you receive regarding this matter. In the meantime, please feel free to contact my office if you have any question or if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

George E. Brown, Jr.
Member of Congress
Major General Burton R. Moore  
Director of Legislative Liaison  
Department of the Air Force  
Room 4D927, The Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20330-1000

RE: George A.F.B.  
Vera, Frank III  
SSN: [redacted]

Dear Major General Moore:

I am writing on behalf of Frank Vera concerning his exposure to radiation in 1973, while in the service at George A.F.B. Mr. Vera is now suffering, as are several others, as a result of that exposure. I am enclosing pertinent documentation, which includes medical reports stating that his condition is due to his exposure to radiation, along with a copy of where the nuclear waste was stored at George A.F.B.

I am requesting a complete and thorough investigation of this matter. Mr. Vera has documented names of others who are also suffering medically due to their exposure. I would like your research to indicate how many were affected and showed symptoms similar to those of radiation poisoning and never diagnosed in that manner. Mr. Vera has also indicated that the waste site on the base was right next to the housing units and that children used to play in that area.

Please respond to me directly at my Colton District Office. Your prompt attention to this matter is requested.

Sincerely,

George E. Brown, Jr.  
Member of Congress

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Enclosure
Mr. Phillip Mayo
Chief, House Congressional Liaison
Veterans Administration
B-328 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: VERA, Frank III
SSN: 123-45-6789

Dear Mr. Mayo:

I am writing on behalf of Frank Vera concerning his request for veteran's benefits. Mr. Vera states that he has tried to obtain, and has been refused access several times, to his medical records from the Loma Linda Veterans Hospital supposedly due to the psychological reports in the records.

The medical report of 1990 indicates that Mr. Vera was exposed to nuclear radiation while at George A.F.B. The report also indicates spinal cord injury (radiation myelitis) due to this exposure. Dr. has followed Mr. Vera's progress since being discharged from the service, and is quite familiar with his case. Therefore, I am requesting that Mr. Vera receive all the benefits he is entitled to.

Mr. Vera opted for an honorable discharge versus the medical discharge, that was recommended by his superiors, when he separated from the military. Mr. Vera's military records indicated that he was exhibiting the same symptoms that are indicative of exposure to nuclear radiation (radiation myelitis). The fact that it was not diagnosed accurately, while Mr. Vera was in the military, does not prove that he was not suffering from radiation myelitis.
I am also enclosing a copy of where the nuclear waste was located at George A.F.B.. I feel confident that if this matter was investigated, it will show that Mr. Vera was exposed to radiation, as were several others. I am enclosing an authorization, medical records, along with other relevant documents, and am requesting that Mr. Vera's medical records, located at Loma Linda Veterans Hospital, be released to him.

Please respond to me directly at my Colton District Office. Your prompt attention to this matter is requested.

Sincerely,

George E. Brown, Jr.
Member of Congress

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Enclosures