



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
2 NAVY ANNEX
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

ELP
Docket No. 2957-01
23 August 2001

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Navy Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 22 August 2001. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps on 23 June 1965 for four years. The record reflects that you were advanced to PFC (E-2) and served without incident until 28 February 1966, when the Marine Corps notified your parents that you were missing from the Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. You and another Marine had been fishing in a recreation boat and failed to return to the base. The news clippings you provide indicate you were seized by Cuban authorities after your boat entered Cuban waters outside the base area. You and the other Marine were turned over to the Swiss Embassy, who represented United States interests in Cuba. Your parents were notified on 2 March 1966 that you were in the hands of military authorities in Miami. This period of absence is not reflected as lost time in your record.

The record further reflects that you served in Vietnam from July 1966 to July 1967, advanced to LCPL (E-3), and served without

Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director