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Ruth Coder Fitzgerald  
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Dear Ruth:

Recently, I received a letter from the Department of the Air Force in response to an inquiry I initiated on your behalf regarding the addition of your brother's name to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

The organization which you referred to in your letter is the Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, 2030 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 412, Arlington, Virginia 22201. This organization was recently established to honor those who died of various causes associated with the Vietnam Conflict, but whose names are not on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial because the death did not occur while the member was participating in a direct combat mission. As yet, members who served in Southeast Asia and subsequently died of possible Agent Orange related illnesses have not been approved for name inscription on the Memorial.

I agree with you that your brother should be honored for his service during Vietnam. Therefore, I would encourage you to contact the above named organization to assist you with this admirable goal.

Again, Ruth, thank you giving me this opportunity to research your request. I hope the information proves helpful.

Sincerely,



Tom Harkin  
United States Senator

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