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Hi,

I finally received a
response from Nick Deakin
so I'm enclosing it for
your information. Still
haven't heard from Peter
Fitzgerald so I'll write
him again.

Hope all is going well
for you. Were fine and
enjoying decent weather.
I enjoyed your recent
telephone call and getting
up to date on your family.
Good luck with you

work with respect to the
Memorial in Washington D.C..

Best wishes,

A stylized handwritten signature, possibly reading "J. W. Wicker", written in dark ink. The signature features a large, looping initial "J" and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

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Mr. John Jackson

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Dear Mr. Jackson:

Thank you for contacting me regarding S. 1921, the Vietnam Veterans Recognition Act. I appreciate hearing from you.

I share your support for this legislation and have signed on as one of its cosponsors. No words can adequately express our nation's debt to our veterans, and it is essential that we extend to them the respect and support they have earned.

As you know, this bill would authorize the placement of a plaque near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to honor Vietnam veterans who died after the war, but whose deaths are attributed to their service. Such individuals are not otherwise eligible to have their names placed on the Memorial wall, but they deserve to be recognized for paying the ultimate sacrifice as a result of serving their country.

The Vietnam Veterans Recognition Act has been referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for further consideration.

Thank you again for taking the time to get in touch with me. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have further questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator

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