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Republic of the Philippines 1505  
December 23, 1974

ADMIRAL ELMO ZUMWALT  
Chief of Naval Operations  
Department of the Navy  
Washington, D.C. 20370

Dear Admiral;

I do hope that you and your family are in the best of health as we do the same.

Before I begin, let me greet you a warm "HELLO" and MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

I am very happy to received a card from your office through the Chief of Naval Personnel regarding my letter to you August 15, 1974. However it is quite a suspense on my part because the answer did not yet arrive whether I be recalled or not. I say so because the cards says and I quote " Your letter addressed to Admiral Zumwalt, Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C. 20370. We have received your letter of 15 Aug. 1974. We will reply with as little delay as possible. Signed by J.M. CATRON Commander U.S. Navy, Special Inquiries." unquote. This letter was dated Oct. 1, 1974. Since Oct. 1. is quite long now, I think I have waited a long time already and I think it would be best for me to bother you again regarding the consideration of my case.

You see, I have to beg you again that you please help me consider my case. I am very much interested to be with the Navy again while others are in the Navy who are not so much interested. They are most of them in the Navy because they are afraid to be drafted. But for me with all my heart, I wanted to be in the Navy and serve the U.S. Armed Forces sincerely and wholeheartedly. My only sin with the Navy why I was discharged was that, I was married before I joined the service. I do not deny this instance but you should also consider my case because even if thats the case, I did not cost any money from the U.S. government by claiming my children for increase in pay purposes. You can have your men dig my records and see if I cost the government any money. This instance will show that I am really honest to the government and to myself. I have to write you Admiral because I know I did not get a fair trial when I was in Subic Bay, Zambales.

While in the Navy, I did my best to serve patiently and was devoted in my work. I said that I did not received a fair trial because those Lawyers do not know me as a Navyman. LCDr. Lee O. Smith then the skipper of the ship recommended me for my retention in the Navy because he know me as a Navyman for I worked under him till my discharge. He even made a radiogram sent to the Bureau of Naval Personnel to hold me in his ship because he need pe ople like me to serve the Navy but the Bureau didn't seem to believe him. I knew that the best source of good information regarding the performance of a certain Nav yman is the Skipper of the ship or the Executive Officer because they know bettes their men than any body else.

While with the Navy, I did a very outstanding performance with a total of 3,81 since the time I entered the service up to my discharged. People like me are people to be retained because that's what the U.S. Armed Forces are after-performance. I know Admiral that you would agree with me if I say all these things. There are so many undesirables and wanted very much to be out of the Navy but why me who is one of those desirables didn't get a fair trial and was not retained?

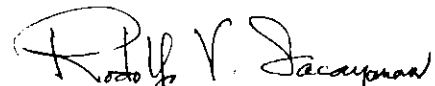
I know that after closing this letter of mine for the consideration of my case that I be recalled for active duty again, your mind will be open and say that you lost a man who is competent, a man desired, and a man who is intelligent (topping the Military leadership exam for second class in the entire ship), a man who is honest and hardworking, a man who is a good material for the Navy.

I know Admiral that you have a kind heart and understanding Admiral at that. So please I beg you and my family that this be your Christmas to a man and his family a happy one, that I be recalled to active duty again.

My family and myself thank you very much for your patience in reading this letter of mine.

I will be hoping again Admiral a reply from you regarding my case whether I be recalled to active duty again after studying my case.

Sincerely;

  
RODOLFO V. SACAYANAN

My serial No. in the service before was -

My file No. with the U.S. Veterans Administration is - -