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Dear Sir,

I wish to call your attention to a case about which you may have personal knowledge since you are a resident of Fort Worth as I am.

In November, 1959 an event was well publicized in the Fort Worth newspapers concerning a person who had gone to the Soviet Union to reside for a short time, (much in the same way E. Hemingway resided in Paris.)

This person in answer to questions put to him by reporters in Moscow criticized certain facets of American life. The story was blown up into another "rumor" connecting with the report that the Navy Department gave this person a belated dishonorable discharge, although he had received an honorable discharge after three years service on Sept. 11, 1959 at El Toro, Marine Corps base in California.

These are the basic facts of my case.

I have and always had the full sanction of the U.S. Embassy, Moscow, U.S.S.R. and hence the U.S. government. In as much as I am returning to the U.S.A. in this year with the aid of the U.S. Embassy, bring with me my family (since I married in the U.S.S.R.)

I shall employ all means to right this gross mistake or injustice to a born-fee'd U.S. citizen and of course now the U.S. government has no charges or complaints against me. I ask you to look into this case and take the necessary steps to repair the damage done to me and my family. For information I would direct you to consult the American Embassy, Chibovskii St. 19/21, Moscow, U.S.S.R.

Thank you

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