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The Honorable Chuck Hagel
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CC: Bedford County Board of Commissioners
Anthony Holt, Sumner County Executive
Mayor Jo Ann Graves, City of Gallatin

Dear Secretary Hagel:

I kindly ask for an update on my formal request—see attached letter from September 12, 2012—to have the remains of the 11 U.S. soldiers who fought in the battle of Monterey, Mexico in 1846 returned home to Tennessee for proper burial.

The attached Secretary of the Army correspondence dated October 29, 2012 states that the Department of Defense (DoD) is prepared to assist in this effort and that communications with the Mexican government are being worked through U.S. State Department representatives in Mexico City.

Please inform me of the status of these communications, and what the next steps are in ensuring the return of these soldiers to the United States.

My staff and I remain eager to assist in ensuring the speedy and just resolution of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane Black".

Diane Black
Member of Congress