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Dear Ms. Mazanec:

The Punch Bowl National Cemetery reportedly contains the unidentified remains of several hundred Americans and other casualties from the Korean War. I am writing to obtain fuller perspective on this issue.

I would appreciate current information on a wide range of topics related to this subject including the following.

****How many remains from the Korean War have been identified since their original arrival in Hawaii?**

****Please describe the condition of the remains from Korea upon their arrival in Hawaii?**

****What is the estimated number of American remains from the Korean War in comparison to the remains of persons from other countries contained in the Punch Bowl?**

****Under what circumstances were the remains related to the Korean War transferred to the United States government?**

****What was the location origin of the remains?**

****What is the process by which it is determined which Korean-war related remains will be the focus of research?**

**Please advise how many Korea War – related remains are presently being reviewed by U.S. authorities and what is the timetable for such?

**Are the records which accompanied the transfer of the remains to the Punch Bowl public? If not, what is the basis for not releasing the records?

Thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard G. Lugar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Richard G. Lugar
Ranking Member

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