



“shows [my] statement was not submitted in a timely manner and therefore was not accepted.” This Board, however, noted the initial email response from [REDACTED] of 15 July 2019 stated “the documents will be included as appropriate with your package” and determined the use of the phrase “as appropriate” also connotes that a determination of whether the statement is “appropriate” would also need to be made. Based on this evidence, the Board concluded the newly submitted email exchange was insufficient to overcome the presumption that a determination was made the personal statement was not “appropriate” for inclusion. The Board concluded there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting the inclusion of the statement in question. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new matters, which will require you to complete and submit a new DD Form 149. New matters are those not previously presented to or considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

11/1/2022

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]