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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

In our letter of January 20, 2015 we told you that we were reviewing evidence about your ability to handle your own financial affairs. We finished the review and decided that you are not competent for VA purposes.

What We Decided

The evidence shows that your disability keeps you from ably managing your Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits. Therefore, we will find someone to manage them for you.

We based this decision on information [REDACTED] information contained in VA Form 21-2680, *Examination for Housebound Status or Permanent Need for Regular Aid and Attendance* dated December 5, 2014, showed cerebrovascular accident.

As we advised you previously, the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act prohibits you from purchasing, possessing, receiving or transporting a firearm or ammunition based upon our determination that you are incompetent to handle your VA funds. You may be fined and/or imprisoned if you knowingly violate this law.

You may apply to VA for relief of firearms prohibitions imposed by the law by submitting your request to the address at the top of this letter on the enclosed VA Form 21-4138, *Statement in Support of Claim*. VA will determine whether such relief is warranted.

We have enclosed a copy of our Rating Decision for your review. It provides a detailed explanation about our decision, the evidence considered, and the reasons for our decision.

What You Should Do If You Disagree With Our Decision

If you do not agree with our decision, you must complete and return to us the enclosed VA Form 21-0958, *Notice of Disagreement*, in order to initiate your appeal. You have *one year from the date of this letter to appeal the decision*. The enclosed VA Form 4107, *Your Rights to Appeal Our Decision*, explains your right to appeal.

