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The Honorable Ken Salazar  
Secretary of The Interior  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am the oldest and closest known living relative of Capt. Meriwether Lewis, one of our most treasured national heroes. On the Fourth of July, 2009 I will be 92 years old, and during much of my many years I have been concerned about the manner of death of my "Great" Uncle. (His sister, Jane, was my Great Great Grandmother.)

It has been very frustrating to me to have the National Parks Service repeatedly refuse to permit an exhumation of Lewis' Remains, despite the availability of modern, reliable means of determining the cause of death.

I am a Veteran of World War II. I participated in the invasion of Europe and Germany. I have never received, nor asked for, any special favors from my government. But, at this time, I do request that you <sup>permit</sup> this examination to take place, and I would consider this the most gracious birthday present ever received - on this, my 92nd birthday, July 4, 2009.

Sincerely,

William M. Anderson