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Leesville SC 29070
March 29, 2016

The Hon. Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton St.
Columbia SC 29201

Re: Cuba

Dear Governor Haley:

If you have plans for any further contacts or trips to Cuba, I would like to suggest one topic of conversation. I would also like very much to be included on the trip as part of the S.C. delegation. Here's why.

My grandfather, James Leonard Hanberry, served (volunteered) as a "guinea pig" for the yellow fever experiment in Havana⁽¹⁹⁰¹⁾ immediately following the Spanish American War. (He served in the medical corps during the war.) In the mid 1950's the Cuban government offered to fly him down there for the unveiling of a monument honoring Cuban Dr. Carlos J. Finlay and Dr. Walter Reed, as well as the volunteers. At that time my grandfather was 77 years old and did not go due to his age. But I would love the

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opportunity to go to Cuba and see this monument. There were 2 other S.C. men in the experiment too — Charles Sontag, Columbia, SC, and Levi Folk, Newberry. My grandfather was from Denmark, SC. He was also awarded the Carlos J. Finlay medal for his service to Cuba and a special Congressional Medal from the U.S. government.

If you see any way to use this in SC-Cuba discussions, I would be happy to discuss it with you.

Sincerely,
Kathy King Belknap
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**THE PRESIDENT
of the
REPUBLIC OF CUBA**

**By virtue of the powers that are invested in me by the Law and in
accordance with the Supreme Council of the Order**

confers

THE DECORATION OF THE NATIONAL ORDER OF MERIT

CARLOS J. FINLAY

in the rank of COMMANDER

to Mr. JAMES LEONARD HANBERRY

**Given, affirmed, and sealed by the Executive of the Republic and
attested to by the Minister of Public Welfare, Grand
Councillor of the Order.**

**In the Palace of the President, in Havana,
the third of December, 1902.**

Marianao November 7 of 1952

Mr. James. L. Hanberry
61 Summers Avenue, Orangeburg.
South Carolina.
U.S.A.

Dear Mr Hanberry:

In the name of Dr Alberto Recio, Pre-Conservation Patronate President, Building Number 1, of the Lasear Camp; where the work proving, the discovery of Dr Carlos. J. Finlay, I have the honor to invite you on the act of unveiling the bust, Drs Walter Reed, James Carroll, Jesse Lasear, Aristides Agramonte, General Leonard Wood, Dr Carlos. J. Finlay and Claudio Delgado, as well as, the plates with the volunteers names, such experiments and the persons who took parts on the same.

Said act will take place 3rd December at 10.00 A.M. on the spot Lasear Camp " San Jose" farm, Pegolotti, District Marianao, Havana, Cuba.- We hope to have the honor you accompany us, on said ceremony.

You being one the survivors of that wonderful episode, we are sure that it means, a pleasant memory, for you, that you would be pleased to join us for which we would be highly obliged.

Your Very Sincerely:

Cesar Rodriguez Exposito.

Secretary

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Marti 219- Marianao
Havana, CUBA.