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Madame,

I've read that you are keenly interested in New Zealand and its people. So I'm writing to you in the hope that you'll be kind enough to answer this particular New Zealander's question. However, it requires some leading up to. Back in '42-'43, I did a year's service in Fiji in the H.V. Army. While there, I made some excellent others among some U.S. Navy boys. So when I was discharged back here in New Zealand, still sound in wind and limb, I decided to join up with those boys and get back into what promised to be a really juicy scrape before it was through. But no ice. I'm told it couldn't
be done, as I wasn't an American citizen, and aliens could only be enlisted in the U.S. Forces on the mainland of the United States. Since it takes a long time to become an U.S. citizen, and there seems to be almost impossible, except for those who have relatives, as I do, that put the lid on proper, which brings me to my question. I'd like you to answer, if you would. Why is it, that, if I & any other alien are within the 3-mile limit of the U.S. mainland, said alien could all other considerations being equal, be acceptable to, and gain, the navy of the U.S. since, if he were at 3 1/2 miles out, we couldn't get in in a thousand years? America needs men, why keep the lid on them like this? Respectfully yours etc.,

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