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MR ROBERT W CARLSON

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Thank you for your letter to the Chief of Staff to the President, Mr. Andrew H. Card, concerning your suggestion to name a naval vessel in memory of the former USS FRANK E EVANS (DD 754). I am answering on behalf of the White House.

We understand your desire to honor those men who served in USS FRANK E. EVANS on that tragic day in June of 1969. As you may know, the potential names far outnumber the ships in our current building program, but I assure you that your suggestion will receive every consideration when names are chosen for future ships.

Thank you for bringing this excellent suggestion to our attention, and again, thank you for writing to the Chief of Staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "P. J. Tortora", is written over a horizontal line.

PAUL J. TORTORA
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