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MR RICHARD J GLEASON

Dear Mr. Gleason:

Thank you for your letter to President George W. Bush suggesting that a naval vessel be named after USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754). I am answering on behalf of the President.

We can easily understand your desire to see USS FRANK E. EVANS commemorated in this fashion. 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 President.

Sincerely,

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

PAUL J. TORTORA  
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