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Dear Mr. McColm:

I wish to take this opportunity to commend you for your presentation to Naval Reserve Supply Company 5-8 on 1 June 1964 on the subject of "The United States Navy's Participation in the Land Reform Program for Post-War Japan."

This topic was of particularly timely interest to us, as was pointed out when you were introduced, in light of the film shown at our previous drill on General MacArthur's career, which referred to his promulgation of the Program almost immediately upon assuming governmental control after the surrender. It was most interesting to learn of the Navy's role in top echelon planning, for this and other occupation measures, directly from one who, as a U. S. Naval officer and the Agricultural Advisor on the planning staff, conceived and wrote this *draastic* but politically essential land reform program.

We are also indeed grateful for your generously giving us an evening from the necessarily crowded schedule of your brief present stay in Washington. We wish you every success during your next two years in western India in the direction of developing its much needed irrigation projects to increase agricultural production, as a very vital part of the program of the Agency for International Development. I know every member of Company 5-8 joins me in this sincere wish.

Very truly yours,

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