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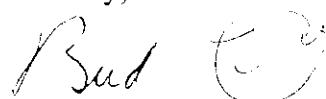
Dear Bob:

Many thanks to you and the SAS Institute for your comments concerning the Medal of Freedom and concerning my family.

We are all very excited over the honor.

All best wishes.

Sincerely,



E. R. Zumwalt, Jr.  
Admiral, USN (Ret.)