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Dear Bud:

Xenia and I appreciated more than we can ever say your good invitation to the Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony at Annapolis on June 29. Only an unbreakable family commitment prevents our attending.

The occasion prompts a few thoughts, however. At a time when persons in positions of great power in this country seem generally possessed of short aim and shabby goals, you have been an exception, determined to perform your duties, careless of yourself, with your eye squarely on the needs of the future.

Despite criticism you have surely left the Navy in stronger position to serve than any other service, and you have, by your example, maintained almost alone the best tradition of genuine public service.

We wish you had a more appropriate degree of recognition now, but you should be confident that you have made your mark where it counts, and that those who follow you will for a very long time live under your influence.

All the best from us both.

Sincerely,

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