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Admiral Elmo Zumwalt
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Admiral Zumwalt,

Although the practice of juniors writing seniors is discouraged, I could not resist writing you a "fan" letter.

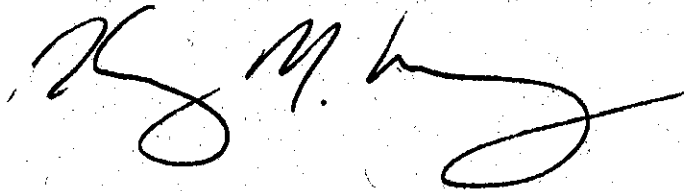
I have been encouraged by your tour as Chief of Naval Operations.

When I entered the Navy in 1964, I looked forward to being in the service. I still approach each day with enthusiasm but I am grateful that because of your leadership many of the petty irritations that once prevented me from doing my best no longer exist.

I do not agree with your detractors--I believe that the troubles that have arisen to plague this service had a valid basis and would have been far worse without your leadership.

Thank you for an interesting and productive four years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. N. Manz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.