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Pasadena, Calif. 91105  
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Hon. John C. Stennis  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Stennis:

I read an Associated Press report that you said Sept. 19 in the Senate that speculation the U.S. Navy is inferior to the Soviet navy is "false, alarmist and potentially dangerous," to quote the AP.

I am a retired U.S. Naval Reserve ~~officer~~ <sup>officer</sup> and also a member of the Navy League, and a combat veteran of World War 2.

The publications and magazines I receive from the Navy League say constantly, over and over again, that the Soviet navy is stronger than the U.S. Navy.

Who are we to believe--you, Adm. Zumwalt or the Navy League?

Sincerely

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