



DIRECTOR, SURFACE WARFARE DIVISION

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Dear Admiral Zumwalt,

Thank you for your recent letter concerning naval force structure and our global requirements. We are, indeed, committed to a growing list of military contingencies throughout a world that is growing more dangerous by the day. Your comments on optempo and its effect on our sailors are right on the mark and bring welcome attention to the tough issues we face on a daily basis in today's fleet.

We are currently reassessing the requirements for naval force structure in light of recent international events. We remain committed to fighting two near simultaneous wars and may need to increase the size of the fleet to support our national interests. Your continued support in bringing visibility to these matters is greatly appreciated.

Thank you again for your dedication to these critical issues.

Very respectfully,

*Just wanted to say
Thanks. As the Best
and VR/mike*

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