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The Honorable Strom Thurmond  
217 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Thurmond:

Because of my former position as Chief of Naval Operations, I receive many telephone calls from active duty Navy personnel. As a result of these calls, I am concerned about the morale impact of the delay in confirmation of the Chief of Naval Operations Designate, Admiral Jay Johnson.

Because of the unfortunate circumstance concerning his predecessor, it seems to me to be critical for the Navy to move on; and, therefore, it is more urgent than usual for the new CNO to be confirmed.

Heartiest congratulations on your successful primary race and best wishes for another successful six-year term.

Sincerely, *and respectfully*

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