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The Honorable Les Aspin
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Les:

Heartiest congratulations and my sincere compliments on the action announced in your letter of April 28 concerning a new policy on the assignment of women in the armed forces.

I consider your action to be the logical fruition of the highly controversial programs that I initiated in the early 70's - sending women to sea on the USS Sanctuary and through pilot training.

Your action took administrative courage and I salute you.

Sincerely,

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