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Admiral E. R. Zumwalt, Jr.  
1500 Wilson Boulevard  
Arlington, Virginia 22209

Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

I am writing in reference to your letter of October 28, 1970, addressed to the Chief of Naval Operations of this year. I recall how touched I was by your thoughtfulness and kindness when that letter was first received. Your recent inquiry regarding my son, Ken's decision about the Naval Academy after eighteen years only serves to confirm in me all the more your genuine feelings at the loss of my brother, Ken. You acted out of compassion rather than just a sense of duty. I and my family thank you for that.


Ken has decided that attending the Naval Academy and a career in the Navy is not for him. Ken has opted for a career in music and music production. He plans to attend Berklee College in Boston.

My brother, Ken, and his namesake nephew, Ken, are very much opposites. While opposite in thought and dress and mannerism, they are still very much alike; both possessing a strong and free spirit, an earnest desire to succeed and an honesty not found in many individuals. Lt. (j.g.) Kenneth D. Norton would be proud of Kenneth D. Norton, II!

I take this opportunity to thank you for personally autographing the copies of My Father, My Son last Christmas. These books will be treasured by Ken and my parents.

We look forward to the soon to be released movie version of the book. I am hoping that the movie can convey the same feelings of caring and warmth as the book.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles and Carol Norton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed names.

Charles and Carol Norton

Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

cc: Leroy G. and Mary Norton