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Honorable John Lehman, Secretary of the Navy
The Pentagon
Room 4E 686
Washington, D.C. 20350

Dear Secretary Lehman:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for giving me the opportunity to cruise aboard the USS America (CV 66), December 8th and 9th, 1984. It was the experience of a life time and has left me with a feeling of deep pride in our country's Navy and admiration for the officers and seamen who serve it so well.

It is clear to me that the commanding officer, Captain Leighton W. Smith, USN, and executive officer, Captain Howard E. Koss, USN, and the staff manage an efficient high spirited and superbly operated carrier.

We were fortunate enough to be cruising the weekend that several different naval air pilots were qualifying for carrier landings aboard their respective classes of aircraft. It was indeed a thrill to see them make their carrier landing and catapult assisted take-offs, some of them for the first time. Besides receiving the benefit of warm hospitality extended by Captain Leighton W. Smith, USN, and his staff, we were escorted completely through their ship and our questions were answered most ably by Commander William Moore, USN, who's extensive knowledge of facts concerning the vessel and its crew really increased our insight.

I assure you I will never tire of sharing my experience and conversation with friends and colleagues. It was undoubtedly through the kind and thoughtful request of Admiral E.R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN, Retired, that my name was offered to you for invitation. I am greatly thankful to both of you.

Best wishes for a happy Holiday Season and a healthy New Year.

Very truly yours,

Marc A. Seidner, President
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