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Admiral James D. Watkins  
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The Pentagon  
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Dear Jim:

I am pleased that you wanted comments from former CNO's concerning candidates for the FLEET ADMIRAL CHESTER W. NIMITZ MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP IN NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS.

Among the older retired officers, the one who remains most uniquely capable of a significant contribution and who may have the time to undertake the assignment is Admiral Horacio Rivero.

Among the younger retired officers, the person I would nominate as superbly qualified is Admiral Worth Bagley.

If one is looking for a more recent retiree, I would nominate as first of class Vice Admiral Robert Monroe.

Keep up the great work.

Sincerely,