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Dear Mr. Beardsley:

Admiral Zumwalt appreciated receiving your letter and asked that I reply in his behalf.


A fair and equitable system for evaluating requests for reassignment by reason of dependency or personal hardship has been developed by establishing certain criteria which must be met before requests of this nature can be approved. These criteria give full regard to the welfare of the individual and his dependents and stipulate, in part, that the hardship be genuine, excessive, and more severe than that normally encountered and resolved by other servicemembers and their families. The member must show that his reassignment will result in the elimination of, or will materially alleviate the existing hardship and that no other means of eliminating the hardship are readily available. If a member has requested and subsequently been denied a request for humanitarian assignment, it is always his privilege to submit a second request with more substantial and current documentation.

Thank you for writing. I regret that I am not able to provide more specific information regarding your brother's situation. Public Law 93-579 provides that disclosure of information of a personal or confidential nature from the military records of members and former members of the naval service will no longer be permitted outside the Department of Defense without the specific consent of the individual concerned.

Sincerely yours,

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