

Dear Mrs. Perman:

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This is in reply to your recent letter addressed to Admiral E. R. Zumwalt, concerning your husband Petty Officer Michael R. Perman, Machinist's Mate third class, United States Navy, which was referred to the Chief of Naval Personnel.

We have been in contact with Michael's commanding officer and contrary to your belief, Michael's request for reenlistment has not been lost, but rather, is being held by the Command Career Counselor, waiting for Michael to appear for interview concerning the type of training he desires incident to his reenlistment. Michael should be encouraged to contact his Career Counselor as soon as possible.

When Michael's training preferences are known, an official request will be forwarded to the Chief of Naval Personnel for Michael's reenlistment under the Selective Training and Retention Program. Requests for reenlistment under the program normally require about two months to process for completion, since the Chief of Naval Personnel and not commanding officers must finally rule on all applications of this type.

In the final quarter of calendar year 1974, the President of the United States directed the Department of Defense to discontinue lump sum Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) payments as part of his administrative actions to cut government spending. Accordingly, the Department of Defense rescinded the Navy's authority and the authority of other services to pay lump sum payments effective January 1, 1975, for ~~lump sum payment of SRB upon reenlistment must be disapproved. It should be noted, however, that all SRB lump sum payments which have previously been authorized by the Chief of Naval Personnel remain valid. All other SRB bonus awards will be paid in annual installments.~~ Please note that this action does not deprive members of any benefit of the bonus, but directs the payment of the bonus by the normal payment procedures through annual installments.

It is regretted that a more favorable reply cannot be given and I earnestly solicit your kind understanding of the situation. I do congratulate Michael on his decision to reenlist in the Navy and I am sure that both you and he will find the Navy a continuously rewarding experience.

By direction of the Chief of Naval Personnel:

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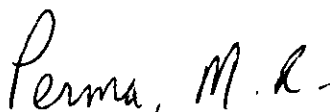
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Sincerely yours,  
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