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Adm. E. R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Ret.)
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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

The Secretary's Open Forum Panel and the Junior Foreign Service Officer's Club would be most interested in having you come to the Department of State to meet with some of our colleagues (and some of your admirers) to make an informal presentation on a topic of your choice. We would, for example, be interested in any of the following topics: "US/USSR Naval Balance and National Security", "Foreign Affairs Leadership in the U.S. in the Latter Third of the Twentieth Century", "The SALT Agreements -- Accomplishments and Prospects", or "Vietnam: A Retrospective View."

The Open Forum Panel was established explicitly at the request of Secretary Rusk (and continued by his successors) as a mechanism within the State Department to develop and bring new and/or dissenting ideas on foreign policy issues to the attention of policy-makers. The activities of the Panel include inviting speakers to Panel sessions, monitoring messages in the telegraphic and memorandum channels established to permit dissenting views, and developing position papers on new foreign policy initiatives.

During the past year, speakers from within the Department have included the Director-General of the Foreign Service and several Assistant and Deputy Assistant Secretaries of State. We have drawn on the academic and business communities for speakers such as Raymond Aron, William Favoulaareas, President of Mobil Oil, and authoress Frances Fitzgerald.

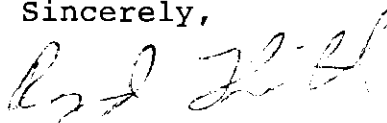
Exchanges at Panel sessions are frequently frank. Professor Aron's uninhibited expression of one French political commentator's view of the so-called "Year of Europe" was particularly memorable.

The Junior Foreign Service Officers' Club is an organization designed to represent the interests of the junior classes of officers in the Department, i.e., Classes VIII through V. It serves both as a social organization and as an unofficial spokesman for its constituents in dealings with both the Management side of the Department and the employees exclusive representative, AFSA. From time to time JFSOC also presents speakers who would appear to have something particularly relevant to say to younger officers.

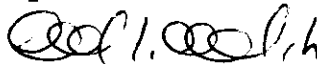
The Panel meetings normally convene Wednesday at 12:00 noon in a Department conference room. Speakers talk informally for about twenty minutes, after which the floor is open for questions from the approximately seventy-five officers assembled at the Panel's round-table. In order to encourage a frank exchange of views, at some of our meetings we have checked I.D.'s at the door so as to make sure that all persons present were cleared for classified information. We have also done this for those of our guests who preferred that their remarks be on background and not for release to the press.

We are now arranging the schedule for September and October and wish to invite you to meet with us on a date of your choosing (although our preference, as indicated above, would be for a Wednesday at noon). We do look forward to hearing from you, particularly since there was an excellent response to your May 1973 briefing for senior officers. If a program cannot be arranged during September or October, we would be interested in a later date.

Sincerely,



Raymond F. Smith
Chairperson
Open Forum Panel



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Speech - Oct 30*

Dear Chairpersons,

I am happy to accept your invitation to speak on
30 October - a Wednesday - and will select one of the
topics you have given me or a medley thereof.

Looking forward to the occasion.

Sincerely,

E. R. JONWALT, JR.

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Mr. Raymond F. Smith
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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

I think that the turn-out and the response to your remarks demonstrated more effectively than I can with words the interest and attention given to your views by many people here in the Department. All of us appreciate your frank, effective presentation, which stimulated the kind of exchange the Open Forum Panel is trying to establish.

It was a pleasure for me to personally have the opportunity to meet and talk with you.

Sincerely,

Raymond F. Smith
Chairperson
Open Forum Panel

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