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June 13, 1974

Admiral Elmo B. Zumwalt
Chief of Naval Operations
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bud:

The Seldens are well settled in our new quarters and ready for a visit from the Zumwalts. I'm sure your final days as CNO will be busy ones, and that you will need a little rest and relaxation when they are over. I can think of no better spot for this than New Zealand!

It looks also as though my navy days regretfully are drawing to a close. While Captain Ruby has made a valient try, the attached copies of correspondence to and from him indicate his efforts have been to no avail.

Mary Jane and I are thoroughly enjoying our new duties. We have been on the go ever since we left Washington and have met many delightful people in all four of the countries to which I am accredited. New Zealand is particularly beautiful and the people warm and friendly.

I know you are too busy to do so now, but do drop me a line when you have a chance. In the meantime Mary Jane joins me in sending our regards to you and Mouza, along with a warm invitation for a visit.

Sincerely yours,

- *Armistead* -
Armistead I. Selden, Jr.
Ambassador

Attachment, a/s

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CAPTAIN ARMISTED I. SELDEN, SSN SN

1. SUBJ OFF, NEW AMBASSADOR TO NZ, TONGA, FIJI AND W. SAMOA, HAS REQUESTED ALUSNA INVESTIGATE MEANS AVAIL FULFILL CAPT SELDEN'S NAV RES OBLIGATIONS FY 74 AND THEREAFTER. HE IS MOST ANXIOUS MAINTAIN HIS RESERVE AFFILIATION AND NOT LOSE THOSE CREDITS ALREADY EARNED THIS YEAR.

2. ABSENCE ORGANIZED NAV RES DRILLING UNITS AS WELL AS HEAVY DIPLOMATIC DUTIES MAKE NORMAL PARTICIPATION AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE COURSES DIFFICULT. WHILE ENROUTE NZ INCIDENT TO ASSUMING HIS AMBASSADORIAL DUTIES CAPT SELDEN VISITED AND WAS BRIEFED BY BOTH CINCPAC AND CINCPACFLT. SINCE ARRIVAL IN WELLINGTON HAS ALSO HAD LENGTHY AND DETAILED TALKS WITH NZ DEFENSE OFFICIALS ON NAVAL MATTERS. SIMILAR TALKS WILL OF COURSE BE CONDUCTED WITH MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO WHICH ACCREDITED. CAN ANY OF THESE APPLY TOWARD ANNUAL REQMTS? ANY POSS GAINING CREDITS DURING PROPOSED VISIT OPERATION DEEP FREEZE JAN 75?

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CAPTAIN ARMISTED I SELDEN, USNR-R

A. YOUR 060155Z MAY 74 PASEP

B. CATALOG OF ACTIVE DUTY FOR TRAINING FOR NAVAL RESERVE
PERSONNEL NAVPERS 15954A.

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A MINIMUM SATISFACTORY YEAR REQUIREMENTS CAN ONLY BE MET BY COMPLETING CORRESPONDENCE COURSES AND ACDUTRA.
2. POLICY CONTAINED IN REF B PROVIDES THAT MEMBERS WITH DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY MAY NOT PERFORM ACDUTRA IN ANY COUNTRY WHERE SUCH IMMUNITY PREVAILS. REQ FOR ACDUTRA SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO COMNAVMARIANAS IAW REF B. COPY REF B FORWARDED THIS DATE.
3. BY SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE, STATE DEPT REQUESTED TO RULE ON EXCEPTION TO POLICY CITED PARA 2 ABOVE.
4. REGRET UNABLE TO APPROVE CREDIT QUESTIONED PARA 2 REF A SINCE ACTION COMPLETED IN OFFICIAL CAPACITY. SINCE CAPT SELDEN HAS IN

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EXCESS OF 20 SATISFACTORY YEARS FOR RETIREMENT ALL RETIREMENT
POINTS EARNED IN FY 74 WILL BE CREDITED FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES
EVEN THOUGH A SATISFACTORY YEAR (MIN 50 PTS) MIGHT NOT BE OBTAINED.
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3. IN VIEW ABOVE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQ INFO HOW
BEST INSURE CAPT SELDENS SATISFACTORY COMPLETION THIS
FY REQMTS PLUS BEST MEANS AVAIL SATISFY FUTURE REQMTS
WHILE IN NEW ZEALAND.

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3 July 1974

Dear Armistead,

Many thanks for your recent letter with its news of your activities in that beautiful country. Mouza and I comment often on your good fortune in having such a magnificent post and, conversely, New Zealand's super luck in having both of you.

We are only three days into official retirement but have already travelled to New York and the Midwest and, in general, found that to date our pace is unabated. While Mouza battles with our household move in the next few weeks, I plan to be involved with tying up loose ends of Navy business, putting my personal papers in order and contemplating what my prospective full time employ will be. We also hope to squeeze in a few weeks vacation.

I am most regretful that we can't jury rig circumstances that would allow you to continue annual active duty for training. I understand, however, the self-protection which gave rise to the provisions against performance of ACDUTRA in countries wherein an individual has diplomatic immunity. I am confident we won't lose your enthusiastic Navy support!

SELDEN, A. I. Jr.

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The last few months have been hectic beyond recounting--but I hope soon to have time for reflection and correspondence. Please do stay in frequent touch and be assured that our thoughts are with you and Mary Jane. You have our best wishes as always.

Warm regards,

The Honorable Armistead I. Selden, Jr.
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