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October 17, 1975

Admiral E. R. Zumwalt, Jr.
Americans For Energy Independence
1500 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1405
Arlington, Virginia 22209

Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

When you addressed the group brought together by the Allegheny Conference in Pittsburgh on July 23, you made the statement that the Israeli Army retreated from the west bank of the Suez Canal and its intended drive to Cairo during the 1973 war because of an ultimatum from the Kremlin to Washington of "either or." You inferred that Washington submitted by compelling the Israeli command to withdraw. This would be a complete turning of the tables on Washington's ultimatum to Khrushchev at the time of the Cuban missile crisis in 1962.

I realize you were utilizing this example as a means of alerting this important audience to the overriding need of U. S. energy independence in case of future military threats or attack. Nevertheless, it was the first time that I had ever heard that the Israeli withdrawal was due to a Soviet ultimatum to us since such a matter had certainly not been publicized by the Administration or any publication of which I was aware. Since I will have occasion to speak of this matter in a private group with which I am associated in the near future, I wish to write you seeking confirmation of my understanding of this fact of ultimatum, since I wish to be sure of my facts.

With appreciation for your continued endeavors for a strong military defense for the United States, I am,

Very sincerely,

A. W. Schmidt

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E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.
ADMIRAL, U. S. NAVY (RET.)

October 30, 1975

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Many thanks for your thoughtful letter
of October 17.

I am forwarding to you a copy of my
article on Detente which will provide you
with the necessary information in answer
to your questions.

Sincerely,

E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.

Mr. Adolph W. Schmidt

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