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ADMIRAL ZUMWALT:
I THOUGHT THE IDEA
OF PUTTING LOG
ENROLLEES ON THE
INTERNET WENT DOWN
THE TUBE WITH MILLER!

4 February 1997

I HAVE REAL CONCERNS
OVER THIS IDEA. JR.

Dear Admiral McKinney:

Thank you for taking on this tremendous responsibility in behalf of all of us and those legions of Navy sailors who have gone before us. There are bound to be many anxious days for you when the dollar crunches come --- but with the superb leadership on your team, you're already a winner!

Our contribution is enclosed, with the addendum for the Navy Log. As always, we wish the contribution could be larger, but there is a limit with the other "worthy causes" we're requested to support. I know you get your share of those also.

One important note of dissent: None of us made our original input to the Navy Log with the knowledge that it might one day be open to the Internet. I realize that you are now publicly committed to this step. However, I strongly request that the new software be capable of, and each individual in the Log be given the option of, access to their log input being blocked to any outside electronic inquiry. There are a world of nuts out on that net, Hank, as we learn daily. I am willing to let visitors to the Navy Memorial have visual access to my entry and photograph. But, not electronically where the data and images can be manipulated beyond our control --- and imagination, today.

I am sure that the legal aspects of this have already been considered. But, our supporters of the Memorial should be given an option on deciding if they want to have this unrequested, vast amount of new exposure to the Internet. I do not. The Log does not now give out our address, does it? But, the last sentence of the second paragraph on page two of your letter states, "What a boost to reunion groups looking for lost shipmates, for example!" Are you implying that one can get the address of any name entered in the Navy Log? If it does, that opens up a whole new "privacy" issue, especially if the Internet is involved!

Hank, don't let this clinker derail you from an otherwise good money raiser. You should still get support enough from just our being able to expand our initial input. You may even get more, because my initial inclination was to say nothing, and send nothing, because of the Internet concern. However, if all hands knew they had the option of not being exposed to the Internet, they might be even more likely to contribute.

Sincerely,
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Emmett H. Tidd

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Copy to: Admiral Zumwalt / Rear Admiral Bill Thompson

To: (unknown), 103737,1466
From: INTERNET:
Date: 3/7/97, 12:54 PM
Re: Internet & Navy Memorial

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Priscilla --- Please pass to the Admiral:

Thursday evening Muggs and I attended the Annual Reception for the Navy Recruiters of the Year. Radm Hank McKinney was there and I had a chance to talk to him about my letter, which he had not yet received. Hank was appreciative of the communication, and took my comments in a positive manner. He felt that there was a "fix" to the problem along the lines I mentioned. I urged him to inform his target mailing list in the next letter so that he could encourage donations/biographical inputs from those, like I, who do not want the material made available on the Internet. He was receptive to that and thought it doable. I told him of my brief conversation with you about the subject. Hank had the highest of praise and appreciation for the assistance you have given him. I think you made the right decision on his selection.

The CNRC reception was an excellent event. SecNav was there and made very appropriate remarks. He stayed a respectable time to chat with recruiters and their spouses.

You would be very proud of Radm Barbara McGann, ComNavCruitCom. You may recall, she was a Ltjg in CruitCom starting in 1972 and later tours, I believe as a District CO. She is probably the most experienced CNRC we've ever had. Very capable, outgoing, and highly respected by all the recruiters we talked to. She is now setup for monthly visits with CNO who professes full support.

Barbara, as did many others, recalled the tremendous support that you gave all of us --- not only in making the process work, but in producing a product that they could sell to better quality prospects. As Barbara said, "Quality recruits Quality. " Army has had to announce a cut back in their 95% high school graduate objective, to 90%, in order to make their numbers. Barbara says that CNO told her to hold the line on Quality, even if it meant shortfalls on numbers ! Hooray!! Your Z-guidance lives on !!

Just thought you'd like to know.

Very respectfully, ---- Emmett.
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1238 EST -----



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ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY (RET.)

March 10, 1997

VADM Emmett Tidd, USN (Ret.)

Dear Emmett:

Many thanks for all the good things you've been doing and for keeping me posted.

I have talked with Hank McKinney subsequent to receiving your letter and subsequent to your talk with him. We both agree that we should have an arrangement for people already logged to be able to opt out if they desire not to be in the log. As you may know, we plan to set up a system that will give people, in the future, the opportunity to opt out at the time they join the log. I am grateful to you for bringing this potential problem to our attention.

I have placed a call to Ed Marolda of the history center and will definitely follow up with regard to Les Cullen.

I have gotten a note off to Kurt. I thank you very much for your great report on the change of command. I thought that Kurt's command philosophy was a beautiful piece of work.

You would not have heard from Bob Ancell yet, but I wanted you to know that I have made the decision not to co-author a book with him. It became increasingly apparent to me that the analysis of the CNOs at a time of change was going to require me to say things about myself and I thought that it would be an awkward thing for me to do. I would rather leave it to my friends and enemies.

With regard to Jim Gibson, I stopped by to see the VCNO, but he left on vacation that day. I left a note concerning Jim with his EA who promised me the VCNO will be in touch with me when he gets back. I hope for a good result here.

I query whether you had a chance to talk to Jim Reckner about Bat LaPlante. If not, why don't the two of us (you and I) bring it up with Jim at the April seminar and see how best to go about approaching Bat. Thanks for the good suggestion.

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I am looking forward to being with you folks at the seminar in Texas. I hope that Mouza will be able to be with me; she is beginning to do a little bit better. We are hopeful that in another few months the nerve will have regenerated.

Sincerely,



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