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Dear Bud,

It was with great delight that I learned recently of the award of Commander in the Order of Leopold which was bestowed upon you by Royal Decree dated 25th July 1974.

In so doing, my Government has recognized, and in some way rewarded, the eminent services that you have rendered during the four eventful years as CNO to the cause of Peace and to the Maritime interests of NATO in general and Belgium in particular.

It is therefore with great pleasure that I extend my heartiest congratulations to you on this well deserved honour. Furthermore, I sincerely hope that whenever you wear this "commanderie" you will remember the day we used to work together, and which I consider as a real privilege to me.

Warmest regards and seasonal greetings to you and Mouza also from Barbara.

Yours truly
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J.P.L. Van Dyck', with a horizontal line underneath.

To Admiral E. ZUMWALT USN (retired)
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