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My Dear Admiral:

Admiral Ben Custer has forwarded to me your encouraging words that, "we now plan to use it {"Black Revolution"} as part of the introductory awareness phase for our newly arrived recruits."

I deeply appreciate your interest in my film and the splendid accomplishments you achieved in race relations during your years as Chief of Naval Operations. A nephew of mine recently completed his four years as a volunteer aboard the Julius A. Furer. When I told him of your interest, he said: "The Admiral made all the difference on my ship. The men believed him."

The Air Force in June adopted "Black Revolution" as the introductory film to be used by its 225 Race Relations teams all around the world. Major General Lucius Theus personally spearheaded the order after viewing a dozen or so films submitted to him by his staff.

Colonel Joseph Brown tells me the 225 copies have been distributed and are in daily use with the goal of reaching every Air Force officer and enlisted man.

"It's a fine ice breaker," he said. "It gets through to the men. It opens the door to constructive discussion."

I plan to be in Washington for a day or two next week and it would be an honor to meet you. I will try to reach you by phone on Friday, August 23, in the hope of making an appointment.

Sincerely,

Robert E. S. Thompson
Robert E. S. Thompson
President

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cc: Admiral Ben Custer

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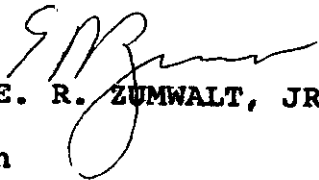
Dear Mr. Thompson,

Thank you for your recent letter which reached me during a brief stop-over in Washington between extensive travel which will have me out of the city during the week of your intended visit to the area.

I appreciate your generous comments on my efforts as Chief of Naval Operations. Regrettably, as you know, one's awareness of rapidly evolving plans is lost with retirement, so I really cannot nor speak to the current intended utilization of your film or other such aids for Navy programs. Your best contact for information is, as my assistant indicated to you, RADM Charles F. Rauch, Assistant Chief for Human Goals, Bureau of Naval Personnel (Pers 6), Washington, D.C. 20370.

Thank you for your continuing interest in Navy programs.

Sincerely,


E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.

Mr. Robert E.S. Thompson

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