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Dear Bill,

This is to let you know that, regretfully, it will not be possible for me to attend your retirement ceremony because I will be enroute home from a speaking engagement at the University of Idaho. However, I will heist a drink at 30,000 feet in salute to a great naval officer and friend. Mouza will, of course, be there to represent both of us.

Warm regards,

E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.

Rear Admiral William Thompson, USN

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