

16 January 1975

Dear Bill,

I remember - a laconic Captain, expert in public affairs who became Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, while I served as Executive Assistant.

I remember - a true professional who had the loyalty to disagree when required.

I remember - who I sent for when I was nominated to be the CNO.

I remember - the superb performance as a line manager and staff adviser for 4 wonderful and exciting years - first as Deputy and finally as the first true Chief of Information.

I remember - who was there when the going got rough and who organized the counter attack.

I remember - a great Naval Officer with a wonderful family.

I remember - a friend, a wise counselor.

I'll always remember!

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