

10 February 1975

Dear Dave,

The attached was prepared at my request after talking to this very superior young man who wants very badly to get into the Navy.

I hope it will be possible to find a way to break through the impasse.

Warmest regards,

E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.

Vice Admiral David H. Bagley, USN  
Chief of Naval Personnel  
Navy Department  
Washington, D. C. 20370

Encl:

(1) GYSGT Michael J. TIERNEY, USMC,  
NESEP student at  
NROTCU Vanderbilt--request for  
transfer to commissioned status  
as Ensign in U.S. Navy.

TIERNEY, M. J.

7 February 1975

GYSGT Michael J. TIERNEY, USMC,  
the NROTCU Vanderbilt University.

is a NESEP student assigned to

In a letter dated 31 Oct 1974 he requested commissioning as an Ensign, USN rather than 2nd LT, USMC. His reasons are set forth in his request which is attached.

To date he has not received any information concerning his request. He will graduate on 14 May 1975, a little over ninety days from now. The situation is becoming time-critical in that GYSGT TIERNEY desires to pursue a nuclear power career in the Navy. The application and interview procedure for nuclear power training is time consuming, and his opportunity may be in jeopardy unless a decision is forthcoming soon. There are additional, less important problems such as procuring uniforms, etc. which also need attention soon.

His application is currently being held at Headquarters, Marine Corps (Code MTES-30) pending a decision by the Chief of Naval Personnel as to whether interservice transfers for NESEP commissionees will be continued.

GYSGT TIERNEY's academic performance has been outstanding with a 2.8 cumulative point/hour ratio out of a possible 3.0. A copy of his grade report is attached. He has demonstrated those personal traits which indicate outstanding officer potential. He will be a definite asset to the U. S. Navy commissioned ranks.