

JOHN MYLIN WILL, JR.

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November 15, 1993

Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Ret.)
The Marrow Foundation
1500 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia 22209

Dear Admiral Zumwalt,

I want to thank you very much for the inscription in your book On Watch which was presented to me by Averil Kindness.

I don't think anyone envies Frank Kelso his job at this time with dramatic force downsizing, Tailhook, women and gays, etc. Similarly, few envied your job as CNO during the much troubled Vietnam era. We all knew and respected what you were trying to do for the young sailors and officers, but many felt you were ahead of your time and the changes were difficult for the hardliner conservatives to accept and enforce. It is clear, as the history of the U.S. Navy is written your entire career will stand out as one of innovation and courage. I take this opportunity to salute you and let you know of my admiration.

Again, thank you for the inscription. Your book is now one of my most prized possessions.

Sincerely yours,

John Will



E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.
ADMIRAL, U. S. NAVY (RET.)

November 29, 1993

John Mylin Will, Jr.
Treasure Cove

Dear John:

Your letter of November 15th and the things that Averil has told me about you impel me to send you also an autographed copy of my book My Father, My Son.

Incidentally I got to know your Dad not only in the Navy but also later when he served as a most impressive businessman. I admired him very much in both incarnations.

Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

E.R. Zumwalt, Jr.

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