



THE MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE NAVY
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20370

26 September 1975

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Admiral and Mrs. E. R. ZUMWALT, USN (Ret.)

Dear Admiral and Mrs. Zumwalt:

As I leave the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy billet, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for all you did for me and the Navy. I can honestly say that any accomplishments I may have had during my tour were strongly influenced by your expertise and leadership. You always served as an enviable example to your fellow Navy men and women.

Without a doubt, the highlight of my 32 year career was the opportunity to work on your staff. I have a great deal of personal admiration for all you accomplished for the Navy and Navy people. The Z-grams made their mark, and your influence will bear upon the Navy in a positive manner for many years to come.

I offer my best wishes to you and Mrs. Zumwalt for continued good fortune in all your future endeavors. God bless you both!

Sincerely,

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J. D. WHITTET, III



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

20 October 1975

Dear Jack,

Many thanks for your heartwarming letter of 26 September, announcing departure from your austere position as Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.

You have accomplished an enviable record in the highest office held by an enlisted man, and I sincerely believe that your great contributions to Navy and Country are attributable to your foresight, hard work, great faith, and because you saw the need for improvement and pursued it wholeheartedly. For your magnificent achievements I salute you!

Over the past years I have valued your support and loyalty in the many good times and in the occasional troughs. You have been a wonderful team member, and I relied heavily on your wisdom, sage counsel, and dedication.

My deepest thanks for your assistance and friendship. I hope that our paths will cross often in the years ahead.

Mouza joins me in sending you our personal best wishes for every success and happiness. God bless you!

Sincerely,

E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.

The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy
J. D. Whittet, III

*And a special tribute to Helen, a fine
helpful partner in a great adventure
Bill*

Whittet, J. D.

