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July 7, 1974



Dear Admiral Zumwalt,

I am an EACA in MCB 74. I am presently on deployment on Guam.

I read your interview in Playboy Magazine recently. I was impressed by all that you've done for the navy enlistedman as CNO. I've been in the navy about ten months. So far, I like what the Navy has to offer. Right now I do not foresee making a career of the Navy. I do feel, however, that the years I will spend in the Navy will be years well spent.

In your interview you stated that you believe in the future (the near future) the Soviets will take control of the seas. I believe as you do, admiral, I believe we should have a strong military. We should not allow the Soviet Union to get too far ahead of us. Many people believe that the Russians do not desire control of our country. I don't think we can afford to take that risk. In my opinion, Mr. Zumwalt, you would make a great president. America needs your leadership in the white house.

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A good friend of mine, RMSA
Lee A Thomas, and I both agree that
you would be an excellent president.
RMSA Thomas is also writing you a
letter. Both of us are willing to
campaign for you if you choose to
run for president. I'm sure many others
feel the same way we do, sir. Please
consider it, admiral.

Sincerely,
EACA Thomas W. Wright, U.S.N

18 July 1974

Dear Constructionman Wright,

Many thanks for your thoughtful letter of 7 July and your vote of confidence for my efforts as CNO and for my future undertakings. It was a great four years--primarily because of my association with our wonderful Navy men and women. I am most grateful for their support and efforts to improve our Navy. I hope you will consider continuing your association with the Navy--I found it immensely rewarding over the past thirty-five years!

If I decide to run for any office or to pursue any new course which will require loyal, able assistance I will count on your aid and that of Lee Thomas. Thanks for offering it!

You have my very best wishes for every happiness and success.

Warm regards,

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