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Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.  
Chief of Naval Operations  
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Dear Bud:

This is intended as a follow-up to the brief discussion which Albert Wohlstetter and I had with you on the evening of June 20.

As you know, Albert, Harry, and I have been greatly impressed by the excellence of the CEP staff. Their initiative, imagination, industry and cooperation in supporting the work of the CEP could hardly be more exemplary. This was true under the excellent initial leadership of Admiral McKee and has continued under the highly effective leadership of Captain Cockell. While we have not explicitly checked these judgments with the other members of the Panel, Albert, Harry, and I are convinced they would fully support our view.

We have in the past had occasion to recommend individual members of the staff for special recognition and awards. (For example, you mentioned in our conversation of the 20th that Bill Dougherty's award was approved or shortly would be approved.) However, beyond such previous individual citations, we did not wish to permit the occasion of your departure to occur without recommending to you a citation for the staff as a whole, including Captain Cockell. We believe that the excellence of their past performance warrants such recognition and we have every expectation of a continued high performance in the future.

We would greatly appreciate your initiating whatever steps you deem appropriate to recognize the effective and dedicated service of this exceptional group of people.

Sincerely,

  
Seymour Weiss  
Ambassador

5 July 1974  
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Dear Sey,

Thank you for your note of 27 June and your customary thoughtfulness in recommending recognition and awards for the CEP staff.

I agree wholeheartedly with your assessment of their superior abilities, dedication and achievement. In fact I question seriously whether the results gained from our periodic meetings would have been nearly so significant without the staff's extensive background and support efforts. Accordingly, I have recommended and had approved appropriate awards for their contributions and I anticipate their presentation soon.

I look forward to being with you at the swearing in ceremony on 9 July and extend most sincere best wishes for continued happiness and great success in the years ahead. I trust the future will hold many opportunities to enjoy your company.

Warm regards,

The Honorable Seymour Weiss  
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