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Dear Captain Williams,

At a farewell reception here in Washington the submariners presented me with a beautiful memento symbolic of the Navy's success in achieving the TRIDENT Program. I am particularly delighted to learn that the finished product was shaped in the command of the officer who played such a leading role for almost four years in our success -- even to the degree of suggesting the name which our important program bears!

While I have become accustomed to the effectiveness of our submarine tenders in keeping our hard-working forces on the line, I am especially pleased and impressed with the obvious flexibility of your repair force as exemplified by the TRIDENT memento. The casting and finishing work is of unusual quality and the composition imaginative.

I would ask that you pass on to the appropriate members of your crew my personal appreciation for their efforts. All may rest assured that I will take much pleasure in future years in this reminder of a hard-fought Navy victory.

I have been advised that Chief Warrant Officer Charles E. Runyan supervised the SPEAR effort overall, and that the inspiration and much of the finishing work evolved from the efforts of Chief Petty Officer Barry M. Paul. I would like you to express my thanks to them, and, for their efforts in accomplishing the pattern work, molding, machining and engraving, to Petty Officers Daniel G. Fuller, Rustico M. Quindoza, James J. Whitaker, Arthur E. Doyle, and Kenneth M. Krolikowski.

My best wishes for your continued personal success and for that of L. Y. SPEAR.

Warm regards,

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