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Via Fax & Mail

Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.  
1000 Wilson Boulevard  
Suite 3105  
Arlington, VA 22209-3901

Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

It was so good talk to you last week. It has been much too long since we last spoke. As I mentioned, I now have a satellite office in Ridgcrest, California. I rent space from a lawyer who is a wonderful person and U.S. Marine, Burke West. I am enclosing a summary of his military history as compiled by his wife so as not to alert Burke what we are planning.

Burke will be seventy-five years old on March 16, 1996, and his friends are giving him quite a party. Burke is a Marine to the core, and I thought it would be a grand gesture if the Commandant, or someone at that level, could recognize the service and patriotism of this very decent man. Burke knew your father, as he says, "Doc Zumwalt", quite well, when he worked as a physician at China Lake. Whatever could be done to honor Burke would be greatly appreciated. If something could be done, I would appreciate knowing in advance of March 16.

Please give my regards to Mouza. I wish you and all your family only the best. I hope in the not too distant future to see you and have the opportunity to introduce you to my wife, Ann.

With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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BURKE WEST -- MILITARY HISTORY

1940 -- Enlisted at age 19

One year in Iceland -- was in Iceland when War started

On return to the States applied for Flight School and was accepted

Government lost Flight School Orders and shipped BW to South Pacific - Guadalcanal

Returned to New Zealand in 1943

Given Field Commission subject to one week Officer Candidate School

Prior to entering Officer Candidate School, received Orders returning to the States for Flight School -- Cancelled Field Commission

Graduated from Flight School in June of 1945

Went on inactive duty in June of 1946

Recalled for Korea in 1951

He was with the first Jet Squadron in Hawaiian Islands (VMF 214)

After flying in Korea, BW assigned as Provo Marshal K-3

Returned to States and went on inactive duty

Stayed in Reserves and retired as a Colonel after 35 years service

Taught Guerilla Warfare in Navy Reserve Schools

Did contract work at China Lake Guerilla Tactics and Special Weapons