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ADMIRAL, U. S. NAVY (RET.)

14 March 1988

Dr. Harlan K. Ullman

Washington, D.C.

Dear Harlan:

I attach a copy of the La Rocque ideology and the letter from Harper's together with a copy of my response to Harper's.

Based on a telephone call to Jack Hitt, I conclude that my comments should be 750 to 1,000 words. I would need to have the paper by 25 March in order to meet their deadline of the end of the month.

Sincerely,

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Attachments



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Mr. Jack Hitt  
Senior Editor  
Harper's Magazine  
666 Broadway  
New York, NY 10012

Dear Mr. Hitt:

I am looking forward to responding to Admiral La Rocque's paper which I have not yet read. Based on my previous experiences with him, there is no doubt, in my mind, that it will very badly need responding to.

All best wishes.

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# HARPER'S

Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt+ USN (Ret)

1 March 1988

Arlington, Virginia

Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

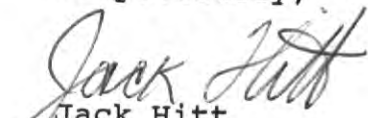
With the signing of President Reagan's INF Treaty and the forthcoming presidential campaign, the debate over the direction and purpose of America's Defense Department has returned, once again, to the limelight. Given the abiding urgency of the related questions, Harper's Magazine will undertake a re-examination of our nation's defense strategy.

To do this effectively, the magazine intends to publish its own debate and has asked Admiral Gene La Rocque, the director of the Center for Defense Information, to open the argument by setting forth a new strategy for the United States to pursue into the next century. Because of the volatility and the importance of the subject, we do not want to publish his ideas without further commentary from the country's most respected strategic thinkers. We, therefore, invite you to reply to the admiral's remarks.

This spring, in one issue, we will publish the admiral's essay together with several of the most trenchant responses and rebuttals. I hope you will find the Admiral's ideas engaging and that we can publish your thoughts on this urgent national issue.

We recognize the constraints of your schedule; however, if at all possible, please let us know within 10 days whether you will be able to reply. I can be reached at \_\_\_\_\_ or at the above address. Thank you.

Respectfully,

  
Jack Hitt  
Senior Editor