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December 9th, 1987

Admiral E.R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Ret.)
1500 Wilson Boulevard
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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

I am very sorry to have taken so long to respond to your letter of October 21st, and to thank you for the excellent comments you wrote about SOUND OFF! American Military Women Speak Out by Dorothy and Carl J. Schneider. I have included your comments on the book's jacket, but because of space limitations had to leave off the last sentence, so the quotation appears as follows:

"The Schneiders have captured, with objectivity, balance and sensitivity, the challenges and rewards that military service holds for women in the decade of the 1980s. The authors have focused on the gut issues of female minority status, presented the diversity of opinion among women and men on the issue and, in so doing, demonstrated the slow pace of social change even within the armed services, which have invested significant effort, time and money in order to lead the way to equal opportunity in the ranks."

In a flier which we are using to publicize the book, we have had to abbreviate the quotation further:

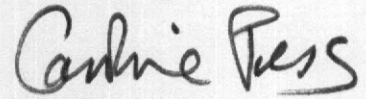
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In both cases you are identified as:

Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.
Admiral, USN (Ret.)

The authors and I are very grateful for your enthusiastic response and thought you'd be interested to see the enclosed encouraging early review of the book. We're looking forward to publication in late January, when I'll send you a copy of the finished book.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caroline Press".

Caroline Press
Associate Editor

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