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Yang Di-Muliakan Pehin Orang Kaya Laila
Setia Data Seri Paduka Haji Awang Mohamed
Nawawi bin Allahyarhum Pehin Orang Kaya
Shahbandar Haji Awang Mohamed Taha

Private and Confidential Secretary to His Majesty

My dear Pehin Nawawi:

I have called your office a couple of times but unfortunately you have not been there. I understand how busy you are with all the arrangements for His Majesty's birthday celebration.

However, it is very important that I know as soon as possible if His Majesty would be receptive to an official invitation for he and his party to be flown to the aircraft carrier which will be steaming off your coast the 28th and 29th of August. They would spend the night on board and be returned the following day. We understand that His Majesty has twice agreed to go aboard an aircraft carrier - that this was his wish - but unfortunately at the last minute he had to change his plans.

If His Majesty cannot make it on the 28th and 29th, we will then schedule another visit on an aircraft carrier somewhere in the world at a convenient time for him.

Please do your best to respond to me as soon as possible. If His Majesty is not going to be in Brunei on the 28th and 29th of August, we can notify the Navy to no longer hold that time slot and we can begin to work on another date.

If the 28th and 29th are convenient, we will issue an official invitation through the appropriate diplomatic channels, and we will have representatives from the Navy Memorial and Heritage Center accompany him on the aircraft carrier. Admiral Miller will come as well as Admiral Zumwalt. Admiral Zumwalt was in Brunei for the liberation 50 years ago. //??

Last year I had the good fortune to visit with Colonel Kefli and Colonel Jalil. I have been keeping Colonel Jalil informed of our activities.



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Thank you for your help in this matter. Please convey our best wishes to His Majesty for a very happy birthday.

Sincerely,

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*Adm Zumwalt -
I'll keep you
posted!
Cheers,
Willits*

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