

July 25, 1994

Admiral E. R. Zumwalt
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Via fax: ~~(202) 527-5795~~

Dear Admiral Zumwalt,

Congratulations on your election to receive the Lone Sailor Award. I'll be there September 21 to cheer you along.

Thank you also for volunteering to help with our fundraising efforts. I understand that you are planning a trip to Southeast Asia. Before you go I would like to give you a briefing and bring you up to date on the activities that are underway for gifts to the Memorial from countries in that area that were our allies during the Second World War or countries that we helped during the Second World War. We currently have proposals in to Singapore and Malaysia, and our goal is to approach all of the countries in the area in the next year for a gift to the Memorial.

I have a trip planned to Southeast Asia in January. I'll be on an Outward Bound/Explorers Club expedition to Sabah, in northern Borneo, where I'll be spending some time in the rain forest and also climbing Mount Kinabalu. One of the gentlemen going with me on the expedition is Charles P. Stetson. Charlie was a young lieutenant in charge of PT boat and took the Admiral to accept the resignations from the Japanese in Southern Borneo, in about August 1945. I need to bone up on this area, but I would like to get Charlie involved in the Navy Memorial. He is a philanthropist, and his primary interests have been religion and Outward Bound. He's been on the board of numerous Outward Bounds in the United States, and he holds the highest award given by Outward Bound, which is the Kurt Hahn award, named for the organization's founder. Most recently, \$10 million has been raised in northern Borneo to open an Outward Bound school. This was a combined gift from the Sultan of Brunei and Shell Oil Company.

Charlie's family has sponsored a number of America's Cup boats, and Charlie is very active in the U.S. program called People to People. Every year, he and his wife travel around the world to play tennis and try to help improve relations between the United States and other countries. As I mentioned, Charlie is going to be in Borneo in January with me, and he will be going to the Philippines, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand. I would like to get him involved at the same time to help us get these gifts from these countries for the Memorial.



As I understand it, you are interested in trying to meet with the Sultan of Brunei and with other important individuals in Singapore and Malaysia. I'd like to help coordinate your visits, any possible follow up that we might do, and anything we might have Charlie Stetson do.

I look forward to talking with you. Perhaps we'll see each other at the Executive Committee meeting on August 17.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wilhite", written in a cursive style.

Wilhite H. Sawyer, CFRE

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cc: Mr. Jim Fleckenstein
RADM James E. Miller