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Dear Bud:

Congratulations on the article in the *New York Times* last week. I don't know whether the article was attempting to portray you as a persona non grata for future board seats, or was complimenting you on your independent stand as a board member.

From where I sit, and from where I think responsible CEO's sit, you are just the type of director that public companies should have. I certainly consider the article to be favorable in your behalf, and I predict that most of your acquaintances that read the article would have the same affirmative conclusion that I have.

On another subject, I have mentioned to Jim Miller about part of your Navy record including rescuing Brunei from the Japanese at the end of the war. It is an intriguing story in and of itself. But, particularly since it was a Navy operation in which you took part, it might give us an opportunity to talk to them about a contribution to the Memorial. We all read frequently about how rich the Sultan of Brunei is, and the fabulous prices he pays for properties around the world. Certainly his country owes a debt of gratitude to the U.S., and more particularly to the Navy because of the rescue role that the Navy played at the end of the war.

You mentioned that you had been invited to visit Vietnam. Is it possible that if this trip firms up, you could include Brunei on your itinerary, and with the proper prior arrangement, visit with the Sultan as one of the Navy liberation team and personally present the Navy Memorial's request for a contribution?

Very sincerely,



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cc: RADM James E. Miller