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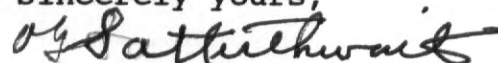
Dear Admiral Zumwalt,

Mary Jo, Bart and I have been in Indonesia for a little over one now, and would like to give you a report. After one year of language and area studies at the FSI, we moved to Indonesia in stages. I led the way having had to relieve the incumbent in April 93. Mary Jo, Bart and Dan came after school was out in Bethesda in July. Dan left for college in September and is now completing his first year at UC Santa Cruz. We have been adjusting to the new culture and environs since then. It wasn't easy getting used to the idiosyncracies of the people here, but then it took about 15 months to get over the hump in India. All in all, I think it's been worth it to continue in service overseas. We now have a comparative view on cultures different than our own, which enriches our understanding of the world.

From my perspective, the Indian and Indonesian navies are significantly different. The Indian Navy is larger and more professional than the Indonesian Navy. On the other hand, I have to deal with the Indonesians on two levels. The first is professional. The USN has a well established exercise program with the Indonesian Navy, and it's growing as we speak. More PASSEX's and now we are trying to figure out away to have submarines involved in exercises. Also, the USN has discovered Bali as a fine liberty port, so the numbers of ships coming here over the past year has grown from about 4-5 ships to almost 20. The second level on which I have to deal with is the Indonesian Navy is as a business. Whenever, a ship visits here the Indonesian Navy wants to handle all the port services, provisions, and recreational aspects and get paid for their services. Given that we are a people who value competition or getting the most for our buck, it's tough to tell the Indonesian Navy that they don't come out first in the bidding. On balance, I'm finding working here more challenging than in India because we're trying to preserve a relationship that was wounded when congress cut off IMET over human rights violations in E. Timor in spite of our important strategic interests in the archipelago.

I have been extended by the Navy to complete a 3 year tour here. But, I haven't given in yet. I recently saw that BUPERS was looking for a Naval Attache to China, and so I applied for the job. Who knows maybe it will come to pass. If it doesn't however, I can't complain about being given the privilege of serving here for the Navy. Most likely, I will leave active service in August of 1996, and will be looking for a post teaching somewhere. Again, I owe you a lot of thanks for going to bat for me with the Navy. I hope you and Mrs. Zumwalt are in good health, and wish you both the best. If you are ever in our neighborhood again, please let us help. Our door is always open.

Sincerely yours,



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