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Dear Admiral Zumwalt

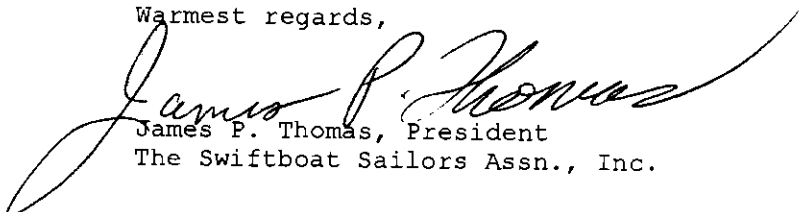
On behalf of the members of The Swift Boat Sailors Association (SSA), I would like to personally thank you and your lovely wife, Mouza, for joining us at our recent reunion in New Orleans. Also, I want to express our sincere appreciation, to you, for speaking at our banquet and, to both of you, for joining us at the memorial service for our fallen comrades. Your words meant so much to those who served with you, their families, and friends. I know your presence was special to all of us, especially those who have not visited with you since Viet Nam.

As you know, I and the SSA were, also, delighted that Captain and Mrs. Keim DO were able to join us for the banquet and memorial service. Captain Do expressed great pleasure in being able to, again, visit with you. I hope that you will be please to know that we have extended SSA membership to Captain and Mrs. Do. It is obvious that Captain Do served with Swift Boats. Thus, he and his wife Thom, qualify for membership. It is fitting that they are able to be with us at future SSA functions.

Admiral, we remain honored to have had you and Mouza accept our invitation to join The Swift Boat Sailors Association and to participate in our reunions. We truly hope that you and Mouza are able to join us at our next reunion in San Diego, over Memorial Day week end, in the year 2,000. As you may know, that reunion will be in conjunction with the planned dedication of the Brown Water Navy Memorial at NAB Coronado, CA. I am sure that all of the "Swifties" will look forward to seeing you and Mouza, again, at that time. I will keep you and your office informed of this pending event as detail become available. 11 P schedule

In Closing, Admiral, I want to, again, thank you and Mouza for your continued support of The Swift Boat Sailors Association. May God bless you and your family, always.

Warmest regards,

  
James P. Thomas, President  
The Swiftboat Sailors Assn., Inc.