



THE CHIEF OF INFORMATION  
1200 NAVY PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, DC 20350-1200

1 October 1999

Dear Admiral Zumwalt,

I appreciate your consulting CHINFO prior to responding to Ms. Nitze regarding the Navy's Low Frequency Active (LFA) sonar system. A great deal of misinformation regarding this system and its environmental impact has been promulgated via mass mailings and the Internet.

We have been working to counter this misinformation by engaging the public and environmental groups directly through a series of open house venues at locations around the nation. Results to date are favorable.

Enclosed please find a draft response to Ms. Nitze, text of a generic statement we have been using to answer public inquiries and a copy of our public affairs guidance regarding LFA.

I understand from Bill Thompson that you were a little under the weather but very anxious to return to the tennis court. I hope you are feeling better and will be back in full battery soon.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS J. JURKOWSKY  
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy

Admiral E. R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Ret.)  
1000 Wilson Blvd. Suite 3105  
Arlington, VA 22209-3909