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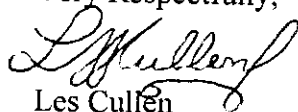
Dear Admiral:

I am writing to thank you for your kind letter acknowledging my father's death, and to apologize for not having returned your call. I was in Reston at the time, helping my mother plan and carry out the various events, including a reception and a memorial service. I had the honor of delivering the eulogy at his memorial service, which was attended by more than two hundred people. He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery—with full honors—on the afternoon of September 16, the same day Hurricane Floyd's remnants passed through the Washington area. Thankfully, the weather did not detract at all from a very impressive service. The last couple of months of the cancer's progress were very difficult for him, so to be frank, I am pleased and relieved that he is no longer suffering.

I am back in the Vietnam Center office serving as Dr. Reckner's deputy for the time being. He is currently en route to Annapolis for the bi-annual conference on Naval History. I am still waiting to hear from Langley regarding my employment prospects. It has been eleven months since they made me a conditional offer of employment, so I am beginning to grow impatient. I do have a contact there, and he has offered to see what he can do to speed the process along. I am interested in this opportunity, as it seems to be a fine meshing of my military and diplomatic studies in graduate school, and a great chance to apply this knowledge in the "real world."

I hope that this letter finds you and Mouza in good health. Please give her my regards. I thank you again for your kind letter, and I will keep in touch in the future.

Very Respectfully,



Les Cullen

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