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28 July 1975

Dear John,

I have received a letter back from the Chief of Naval Personnel about your son which indicates that the reason for his non-selection into the Aviation Officer Candidate Program was that although his record was good, it was a highly competitive selection, and there were other records which were better qualified.

The letter also indicates your son was selected for and offered the OCS Program and they expressed the hope that your son might accept.

I hope that this will work out to his benefit.

Sincerely,

E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.

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Dear Admiral Zumwalt,

In response to your letter of 3 July 1975 concerning Mr. Paul Dillon's request for flight training, I asked the Aviation Officer Programs Branch of the Recruiting Command to provide me with background information.

Mr. Dillon's request was for consideration under the Aviation Officer Candidate Program. He is an English major with no technical background, having graduated with a 3.1 GPA from Windham College, Vermont in June 1972. Although his scores on the screening test were good, he was not selected for the AOC Program in competition with other applicants vying for the limited number of vacancies available. Since the number of quotas for this program is extremely limited, selection has become highly competitive with less than 30% of the applicants being able to enter the program.

Mr. Dillon was selected for and offered the Naval Flight Officer Candidate Program. He was scheduled for a trip to Pensacola on 19 July for a flight physical and orientation but he declined this program. He was also selected for and offered OCS pending successful completion of a precommissioning physical. Since Mr. Dillon has a Captain's sailing certificate, has knowledge of celestial navigation, and has worked several seasons sailing the East Coast and the Caribbean, the recruiters anticipate that he will accept OCS rather than the Naval Flight Officer Program.

In view of the large numbers of qualified candidates for the Navy's flight training program, Mr. Dillon stands little chance for reconsideration as an Aviation Officer Candidate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. L. Freeman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "F".

D. L. FREEMAN

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