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July 10, 1995

Admiral E.R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Ret)
1500 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

This letter is to notify you that you have been selected as the 1995 Recipient of the Award for Life Service to Veterans. You join such distinguished Americans as Senators Byrd, Dole, Cranston, and Thurmond; Congressmen Montgomery and Hammerschmidt.

The Award is a 3/4 life-size oil portrait of the Recipient, rendered by renown portraitist and Vietnam Veteran, Tom Nielsen. You may remember Tom as one of ten Vietnam Veterans who returned to Vietnam in 1971 to build housing for disabled South Vietnamese Veterans, as an illustration of American Veterans' commitment to the people of South Vietnam. You, in turn, organized "Operation Helping-Hand" to support those efforts. Most recently, you met with Mr. Nielsen again in Louisville for the reunion of the Brown Water Navy Veterans on 23 June 1995, at which time you were presented a copy of his fine art print, "The Last Patrol."

The portrait will require two sittings of approximately an hour each and will be unveiled at the Sixth Annual Patriots Ball on November, 10, 1995.

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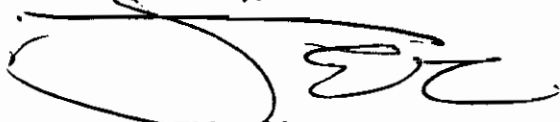
The Ball is held in the Presidential Ballroom of the Capital Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC, and is black tie or military dress. The evening includes a reception, formal dinner, and floor show. This year, the entertainment will be provided by the classic pop group, " The Drifters."

Please prepare an acceptance speech of 10-15 minutes in duration. You and your wife will be dais guests, and VVI will provide complementary tickets for 20 of your friends and family.

Please advise at your earliest convenience of your acceptance of this Award.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Trustees, congratulations on this well-deserved and overdue recognition.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Eldon Yates', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and 'E'.

J. Eldon Yates

RE: 410-962-7794

P.S. *Enclosed please find an agenda of the Conference VVI is hosting on November 9th at the Army and Navy Club to critique the McNamara "Epic." A number of scholars and retired military are enthusiastically participating and we'd be honored to have your participation, as well.*

cc: *Dr. Rollins
Dr. Cronauer
Mr. Nielsen*



E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.
ADMIRAL, U. S. NAVY (RET.)

July 19, 1995

Mr. J. Eldon Yates, M.A.
Chairman
Vietnam Veterans Institute
The John Deere Building
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Timonium, MD 21094

Dear Jerry:

I am honored to be selected as the 1995 Recipient of the Award for Life Service to Veterans.

I have marked the date. Mouza and I plan to be there and will certainly make good use of the complimentary tickets.

All best wishes.

Sincerely,

E. R. Zumwalt, Jr.
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