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Mr. Frank Daniels, Jr.
The News & Observer
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

Dear Frank,

With Bud Zumwalt's return from the political wars, we have reviewed our possibilities of resuming a column. The New York Times Syndicate is showing little interest, so another avenue is desirable. A more restricted arrangement, proceeding slowly and applying the lessons of our past experience, appears best to us.

Accordingly, I want to solicit your reaction to the following proposal:

- A by-line column prepared once a week on national security affairs, provided only to the News & Observer.

- Compensation for columns used at the normal rate for local commentaries and, perhaps, expenses for cabled texts between us and to you.

- Our principal aim would be to obtain the benefit of your editorial service and, as the column is improved, the possible notice of news services or syndicates. If feasible, we would prefer a contractual link with the News & Observer that would offer you profit should the column attract other buyers.

Our activities in the U.S. give us contact with the subject we propose to cover. Beyond that, there will be foreign links. I worked with the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London this past summer and recently participated in seminars on U.S./U.K. relations at Ditchley and at Seven Springs in New York. Bud Zumwalt will visit the Dominican Republic (at the invitation of the Foreign Minister) this month and, at the invitation of leaders or people, South Africa and Brazil in February, Israel in April, and the Peoples Republic of China in June. We would propose to use these sources in our writing.

I would be grateful if you would let me know if this is of interest. If it is, we would be ready to start in early January.

With my very best wishes.

Sincerely,

WORTH H. BAGLEY