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Dear Sir:

Again allow me to thank you for a bit of your time. Your comments were most helpful. I was especially pleased that you brought up the discrepancy between my piece and your book. I was bothered by that after I talked with Senator Warner so I did follow up that interview by writing to the former Defense Secretary. He verified Warner's story. But why did Warner feign surprise when you broke the news? You mentioned that the service secretaries were not supposed to know the content of the Nixon speech until air time. I suspect Laird tipped Warner for the same reasons that you did. Knowing that Warner was not supposed to receive this information, Secretary Laird probably told him to keep his mouth shut.

I will send Mr. Laird a follow up letter to see if my theory is correct. This is a trivial issue in the context of the Cold War at Sea, but I would like to get the story right.

Regarding that question I posed on the Tautog/Echo II collision in the North Pacific in June of 70, I just found a recent Moscow newspaper article in which the skipper of the Echo II was interviewed and he graphically described the event. As a result of the Soviet investigation, this fellow received "a strong party reprimand for collision with an American submarine while submerged" on his communist record card.

Thank you for your cooperation. Hopefully, you'll be able to see the results of all of this research on the bookshelves sometime next year.

Sincerely,



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