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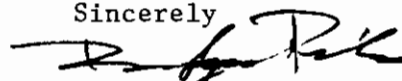
Dear Admiral Zumwalt,

Thank you for your kind and flattering letter of July 7. Coming as it does from one whom I have long admired -- I remember well the days of the "Z-Gram" -- makes it a double compliment.

My wife and I are still mulling over what we should do with the rest of our lives. It is no longer an easy matter to pull up stakes and move on, as were the years in the Foreign Service. On the other hand nothing is more important at my age I believe, than being wanted and needed and not have to face the prospect of putting yourself out to pasture.

Whatever our decision I will let you know. Again, thanks for your letter.

Sincerely

  
Douglas Pike

cc:Prof. James Reckner