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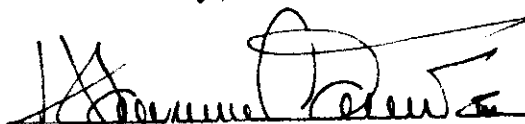
Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

Thank you for your recent comments about the Department of the Navy's prepublication review instruction which is in the drafting process.

The requirement for prepublication review, the principal purpose of which is to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of classified and other official information, is not new. A 1982 Department of Defense Directive requires the services to implement certain prepublication procedures and policies. These policies are not directed toward any particular individual, publisher or entity, but are designed to ensure that the diverging demands of national security, naval administration, freedom of speech, and academic freedom do not unnecessarily impact on the Navy's academic institutions or the need for an exchange of ideas by personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Your comments on this sensitive issue are appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Lawrence Garrett, III". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive, with a large loop at the end.

H. Lawrence Garrett, III
Secretary of the Navy