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The Honorable H. Lawrence Garrett, III
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Washington, D.C. 20350-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to express my deep concern about the report I have received that prepublication review policies for the U. S. Naval Institute are being considered.

In my judgment, for the Navy officially to get involved in reviewing articles which have heretofore been published and approved by the Board of Control would be a very serious interference with the traditional opportunity of authors, including active duty Naval personnel, to speak out on their own without their views having either the blessing of official approval or being denied publication.

I strongly recommend that present policies concerning the review of articles for the U. S. Naval Institute Proceeding remain unchanged.

Sincerely,

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