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1. IT IS WITH A GREAT SENSE OF PRIDE THAT I ASSUME THE DUTIES OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS TODAY. THE PRIDE COMES FROM THE REALIZATION THAT I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH AND LEAD THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO MAKE UP OUR NAVY. I AM HUMBLLED BY THE LONG LINE OF DISTINGUISHED NAVAL OFFICERS WHO HAVE PRECEDED ME IN THIS ASSIGNMENT, INCLUDING MY IMMEDIATE PREDECESSOR ADMIRAL THOMAS H. MOORER, WHO SERVED SO SUPERBLY AS OUR CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. TOMORROW HE BECOMES THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND IT WILL BE A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH HIM AS A MEMBER OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. ALL IN THE NAVY JOIN ME IN WISHING HIM WELL. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT HIS ASTUTE LEADERSHIP AND VAST EXPERIENCE WILL KEEP OUR COUNTRY ON A STEADY COURSE WHILE CONTINUING TO PERFORM OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY.

2. FEW OF MY PREDECESSORS HAVE ASSUMED OFFICE WITHOUT FIRST OBSERVING THAT THE NAVY WAS FACING HEAVY SEAS AND OUR COUNTRY DIFFICULT TIMES. TODAY IS NO EXCEPTION. DYNAMIC POLITICAL.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHANGES ARE AT WORK IN OUR NATION AND ABROAD--CHANGES THAT SERVE ONLY TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR A DETERMINED MILITARY POSTURE BUILT UPON A SOLID FOUNDATION OF POWERFUL NAVAL FORCES. I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR NAVY-- AND MARINE CORPS--WILL PROVIDE THAT FOUNDATION DESPITE THE FACT THAT FURTHER REDUCTIONS WILL COME IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. MY CONFIDENCE IS FOUNDED UPON THE LOYALTY AND DEDICATION OF OUR NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEN AND WOMEN AND OUR CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WITH WHOM I HAVE SERVED THROUGHOUT MY CAREER, AND PARTICULARLY THE COURAGE AND PATRIOTISM OF THOSE WITH WHOM I HAVE SERVED RECENTLY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. MY RECENT ROUND-THE-WORLD TRIP AND MY MANY VISITS TO COMMANDS ASHORE AND AFLOAT HAVE SERVED TO CONFIRM THIS OPTIMISM. THE EXCELLENCE OF OUR PEOPLE HAS LONG BEEN OUR HERITAGE--IT IS MY SOURCE OF STRENGTH. I INTEND TO FURTHER ENHANCE THIS RESERVOIR OF STRENGTH BY ASSUMING AS MY FIRST TASK THE IMPROVEMENT OF MANY ASPECTS OF THE NAVAL CAREER. THERE IS MUCH THAT WILL REQUIRE THE SUPPORT OF MY CIVILIAN SUPERIORS AND CONGRESS. THESE CHANGES WILL TAKE TIME. THERE ARE OTHER IMPROVEMENTS WHICH

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WE CAN MAKE WITHIN THE UNIFORMED NAVY. THESE CAN COME MORE QUICKLY. I ANTICIPATE THE FIRST OF THESE WILL BE ISSUED AFTER I MEET WITH THE OTHER FOUR STAR OFFICERS OF THE NAVY ON 23 JULY. 3. I AM CONFIDENT THAT ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER WILL BE EQUAL TO THE CHALLENGES AHEAD. E. R. ZUMWALT, JR., ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS.

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