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FROM: CNO (Z-106)

TO: NAVOP

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OPERATIONAL WATCH OFFICERS

RE: CNO 080000Z OCT 70 (NAVOP Z-44)

RE: CNO 180000Z SEP 70 (NAVOP Z-25)

RE: CNO 180000Z FEB 71 (NAVOP Z-72)

I HAVE RECEIVED WORD FROM A NUMBER OF RETENTION STUDY GROUPS THAT MY INTENT IN PROMULGATING Z-44 RELATING TO STANDING QUARTERDECK WATCH OFFICERS BEING WIDELY MISINTERPRETED. ACCORDINGLY, I AM CANCELLING Z-44.

EVER SINCE I HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THERE IS NO GREATER RESPONSIBILITY THAN THAT OF THE WATCH OFFICER TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF HIS CREW AND SHIPMATES, THE MISSION OF THE OFFICER OF THE DECK WATCH OFFICER AND THE QUARTERDECK WATCH OFFICER INPORT. EVEN THOUGH THE JOB IS OFTEN FREQUENTLY DIFFICULT AND TIRING, I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT I CAN FIND A DEEP SENSE OF SATISFACTION IN PERFORMING THIS DEMANDING AND NECESSARY JOB.

IF YOU SHOULD STAND THIS WATCH, I WISH TO REAFFIRM THAT

DRAFTER: (P-02)

STANDARD MESSAGE

THIS MESSAGE MEETS NAVY CRITERIA FOR ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION AS A GENERAL MESSAGE

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WITHIN THE GUIDANCE FURNISHED BY FLEET/FORCE COMMANDERS THIS DETERMINATION IS ONE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL COMMANDING OFFICER TO MAKE BASED ON HIS BEST JUDGMENT, CONSIDERING ALL THE FACTORS WHICH AFFECT THE SAFETY OF A SHIP. AMONG THESE FACTORS ARE THE SHIP'S LOCATION, OPERATIONAL STATUS, WEATHER, AND STATE OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION, TO LIST BUT A FEW. I WOULD PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER: I DESIRE TO HAVE AS A GOAL A SIX SECTION INPORT WATCH ROTATION. I FURTHER WISH THAT ALL OF OUR OFFICERS, WARRANT OFFICERS, AND PETTY OFFICERS WHO ARE CONSIDERED TO BE QUALIFIED TO BE ENTRUSTED WITH THE WELL-BEING OF THEIR SHIPMATES AND SHIP, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE THEIR JUDGMENT AND LEADERSHIP IN THIS MANNER. I DO NOT THINK IT ESSENTIAL OR NECESSARILY DESIRABLE FOR ALL QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO BE ASSIGNED TO A WATCH. THIS, TOO, IS A DECISION FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER, WHO MUST CONSIDER OTHER DUTY REQUIREMENTS FACING HIS OFFICERS AND CREW.

4. REFERENCE (A) (Z-44) IS HEREBY CANCELLED. REFERENCE (B) (Z-25) AND REFERENCE (C) (Z-72) ARE REAFFIRMED. E.R. ZUMWALT, ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS.

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