

July 12, 1984

DEAR ADMIRAL AND MRS WELLINGS,

IT IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT 3 YEARS HAVE PASSED SO QUICKLY, BUT WHAT I'LL MISS THE MOST ARE THE PEOPLE I'VE MET IN NEWPORT. FOREMOST ON MY LIST ARE YOU, WHO HAVE MADE ME WELCOME IN YOUR HOME ON SO MANY OCCASIONS.

THE MANY TIMES I HAVE ENJOYED YOUR GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY WILL BE MY FONDEST MEMORIES OF NEWPORT. IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO HEAR OF YOUR "EVENTFUL WEEK" AND WHAT HAS CERTAINLY BEEN A LIFE FULL OF ADVENTURE. I HAVE LEARNED A LOT AND I WILL BE A BETTER OFFICER AND PERSON FOR WHAT YOU BOTH HAVE TAUGHT^{ME} I AM GRATEFUL AND IN YOUR DEBT, AND^{IT WAS} A PLEASURE TO GAIN SO MUCH.

PLEASE TAKE CARE. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS WILL BE WITH YOU, AND IF I CAN EVER BE OF ASSISTANCE PLEASE CALL ON ME.

VERY RESPECTFULLY,

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