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Vice Admiral Ake Frederik LINDEMALM
Commander in Chief
Royal Swedish Navy
Naval Headquarters
Stockholm 80, Sweden

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Chief of Naval Staff, Royal Australian Navy
Navy Office
Canberra, Australia

Written by CAPT H. L. TERRY (51:cjf) 7 August 1969

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Chief of Personnel
Canadian Forces Headquarters
Ottawa 4, Ontario, Canada

Written by: CAPT H. L. Terry (5/51:gp) on 8 Aug 69

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Commander-in-Chief and Chief of
Naval Staff, Pakistan Navy
Naval Headquarters
Karachi, Pakistan

Written by CAPT H. L. TERRY (51:kdw) Aug 8, 1969.

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Admiral CHAROON Chalermtiarana
Commander in Chief
Royal Thai Navy
Headquarters, Royal Thai Navy
Bangkok, Thailand

Written by CAPT H. L. TERRY (51/HLT:fs) 8 Aug 1969

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Commandant of the
Royal Moroccan Navy
Casablanca, Morocco

Written by CAPT H. L. TERRY (51/HLT:fs) 1 Aug 1969

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Vice

~~Rear~~ Admiral Jaime PARRA Ramirez
Commandant of the Navy
Bogota, Colombia

Written by CAPT H. L. TERRY (51/HLT:fs) typed 30 Jul 1969

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A copy of this letter was given to Capt. Chihigaren today. He is going to send it to the Argentine Naval Attache in Washington and ask the Attache to have Admiral Gnawi reply ASAP. Capt Chihigaren is concerned about the lateness of Argentina in replying.

L. Jacobs/56

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