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8/18/81 - Christy Valentine
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(Rohrabacher/TD)

August 18, 1981
Second Draft

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CONSTELLATION ASSEMBLY -- TALKING POINTS

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RR Block schedule
Aug 21, 8-14-81pm
Style p. 29
CAPT. FRED GORRELL
PA-HQ, US PACIFIC
FLEET, PEARL HARBOR
808-471-0646

CAPT. GORRELL
They'll be demonstrating
a new plane

Country not in
book

Style p. 33
CAPT. Gorrell
PA, US PACIFIC Fleet

Suzanne Borda
578-4745
Um Dept
632-3116

-- We are committed to a 600-ship Navy; a Navy big enough and efficient enough to deter aggression wherever it threatens. Friend and foe alike must be certain that America has muscle to back up its words. And ships, like this, and men like you, are the muscle behind America's word.

-- Of course more than equipment is needed. You deserve compensation worthy of the sacrifices you are making; and you will get it. We will take the steps necessary to encourage you to stick with the service -- because you're needed and because you'll be getting a fair shake.

-- But it's more than money that keeps you out here. The word patriotism is defined as: love for or devotion to one's country. It is something you can't buy, and it is something I feel on this great ship -- and that goes for those on the Destroyer Fletcher, the Cruiser Jouett (Jew-ett) and the Frigate Wadsworth as well.

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CAPT. Gorrell US
PACIFIC FLEET HQ
Style p. 75, 184

CAPT. Gorrell

country not in book
Style p. 184
Am. Hist. Dict. p. 96
CAPT Gorrell
These are ships
accompanying
carrier in fleet
checked spelling

CAPT. Gorrell
NUT 11-9-80
HOSTAGES families
reaching long point

Jimmy

Rear Adm Bill
Cockell 695-564
Navy Public Affairs

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Country not in bk
Capt. Garrell:
in Indian
Ocean 110 days
in 1980: most
days of any
ship since WWII

-- And your country won't forget that while they were held hostage, you were nearby, ready to help -- setting a record for the number of continuous days any conventional ship has been at sea.

Capt. Garrell:
Reenlistment
ceremony during
RRS visit

-- Your countrymen knew what that meant: the long hours, the strenuous effort, the pain of being away from loved ones. Yet, there were still those who reenlisted. This is the kind of spirit for which Americans are known. It is the kind of spirit you represent.

The Bridges at
Toko Ri, By
James Michener
p.146, ©1953

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In his book, the Bridges ~~of~~ Toko Ri, novelist James Michener writes movingly of the heroes who fought in the Korean conflict. He wrote of their hardship as they served in cold, twilight struggle that many at home only wanted to forget.

In the book's final scene, an admiral stands on the darkened bridge of his carrier waiting for pilots he knows will never return from their raid on the Toko Ri bridges.

The Bridge out TOKO
by James Michener
P. 146, 1953

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Understanding your dedication, no American could help
but ask -- in wonder and gratitude -- that same question.

APT Cornell, PA
HQ US PACIFIC
Fleet
RR Schedule, 8-81
8-14-81 pm
Ship 50, 52
Ship to sail
10-20-81 into
Western Pacific
toward Indian
Ocean, Capt Cornell
Connie is back

-- Today, your ship's motto -- spirit of the old, pride of
the new -- fits the Nation as well as this vessel. I
speak for all citizens when I say how proud you make
us. So in the weeks ahead, when the Connie sails into
the Western Pacific, remember we are with you because
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Admiral

(Danny Lopez, and naval aviator, Commander Don Sharer,)
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-- And your country won't forget that while they were held
hostage, you were right ~~nearby, there, in the Indian Ocean, ready to help~~ -- setting a record
for the number of continuous days any conventional ship
has been ~~at sea since World War II~~. X

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Medal
of
Honor
Feb 24

Finally, he breaks his vigil and -- wondering at the selflessness of those forgotten fliers -- asks in the silent darkness . . . "Where do we get such men . . . where do we get such men?"

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(Rohrabacher)

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First Draft

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- One frustrating problem, especially for those responsible for the (aircraft), is the lack of spare parts. We are

ok aware of the situation and will be sensitive to the need to provide funds, not only to purchase new weapons and equipment, but also enough to adequately maintain what we have.

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on station in Indian Ocean 110 days/1980 in transit

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CONSTELLATION ASSEMBLY -- WELCOMING REMARKS

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[Men of the Constellation, it has been an honor to be with you. Thank you.]

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AUGUST 1981

Proposed and Tentative Issue: 8/14/81 5:00 p.m. (EST)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Proposed and Tentative For Administrative use only						N★ Camp David
N — First Day ★ — Away from White House T — Tentative						ON CAMP DAVID
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
N★ Camp David N Ret/Wash. D.C.	Congress Recess 9:45—Sec. Lewis 10:25—R. Beaton 10:30—Sen. Wallop 11:00—Press Announce. 11:35—Photo Opps. 11:40—State & Local Gov Dropby 12:00—Lun/Stockman et al 2:00—NSC	10:30—Press Briefing 11:45—Photo Op ★ 12:00—Lunch 2:00—Cabinet Mtg. 3:30—Sadat Briefing	N 10:00—Arrival/Sadat 10:50—Mtg./Sadat 11:30—Mtg./Sadat 12:00—Lunch/VP 1:30—Cabinet Council 2:30—Rep Michel 4:15—Tapings 5:00—To Residence N 7:30—State Dinner DEPART	9:00—Breakfast/Sadat 9:40—Mtg/Staff/Sadat 10:00—Depart. Statements 1:00—Defense Mtg. 12:00—VP Lunch 1:30—Speech Conf. 2:00—H-Hold 3:30—To California N★ 6:30 Arr/Ranch ON RANCH	N★ Personal	N★ Personal
ON WASHINGTON D.C.	ON WASHINGTON D.C.	ON WASHINGTON D.C.	ON WASHINGTON D.C.	ON RANCH	ON RANCH	ON RANCH
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Congress Recess	Congress Recess					
N★ Personal	N★ Personal	N★ Personal	N★ Personal	N★ Personal ★ 10:30—Bill Signing	N★ Personal	N★ Personal
ON RANCH	ON RANCH	ON RANCH	ON RANCH N★ 6:00—Military Barbecue	ON RANCH	ON RANCH	ON RANCH
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
N★ Personal	Congress Recess N★ 9:30—To Los Angeles N★ 10:30—Arr Los Angeles 11:00—P. Hodson 11:10—Mtg/Weinberger ★ 11:30—NSC Mtg/Lun ★ 3:00—ICA Mtg/Wick N★ 7:00—LA Political Rec	★ 9:30—Pen James ★ 11:00—Budget Mtg I ★ 12:00—Budget Mtg. II ★ 2:00—Photo Opps ★ 3:00—Tapings ★ 3:30—H-Hold	N★ Personal N★ Eve—Dinner with Bloomingdale	★ 10:00—To USS Constellation ★ 11:00—On Deck ★ 2:00—Depart Constellation ★ 5:00—Arr Costa Mesa ★ 5:00—Costa Mesa Political Recep. ★ 6:00—To LA	★ 10:00—Staff Time ★ 11:30—Private Initiative Lunch/Meeting ★ 2:30—Mtg w/H. Donovah (Time) ★ 3:00—Mtg w/AMA ★ 3:45—Tapings/ICA N★ Eve—Justin Dart	N★ Personal
ON RANCH	ON LOS ANGELES	ON LOS ANGELES	ON LOS ANGELES	ON LOS ANGELES	ON LOS ANGELES	ON LOS ANGELES
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
N★ 10:00—To Church N★ 11:30—To Ranch N★ Personal	N★ Personal	N★ Personal	N★ Personal	N★ Personal N★ Eve—Political Event Santa Barbara N★ Private Dinner/Tutiles	N★ Personal	N★ Personal
ON RANCH	ON RANCH					
30	31					
N★ 2:00—To Los Angeles	★ 10:00—H-Hold ★ 11:00—Mtg/W. Riles N★ 5:00—Press Party					

President's Schedule

SEPTEMBER 1991

Proposed and Tentative

Issue: 8/14/91 5:00 p.m. (EST)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAUNDAY
		1 Congress Recess	2	3	4	5
		N* Personal	* 10:30-To Chicago	* Chicago	11:45-Labor Day Message Signing	N* Personal
			* 4:30-Arr/Chicago	* 11:00-Chicago Centers Union Speech	1:00-Labor Day Radio Speech Prep and Taping	
			* 5:30-Political Event	* To Wash., D.C. Eve Arr/White House		
		ON LOS ANGELES	ON CHICAGO	ON WASHINGTON D.C.	ON WASHINGTON D.C.	ON WASHINGTON D.C.
	7 Labor Day	8	9 Congress Reconvenes	10	11	12
N* Personal	N*T 11:30-To New York & Westway	T 10:30-Cabinet Mtg.	N 10:00-Arr. Cere/ PM Begin	9:00-Breakfast/Begin 10:00-Arr/Staff/Begin	11:15-Maywood	
		T 12:00-O'Neill/Michel Lunch	10:30-Mtg./Begin	11:00-Depart.	11:30-YA Medal for Bravery & Freedom	
		1:30-Begin Briefing	12:00-Lunch/Hold	T 11:15-Depart. President's Residence	T 1:20-Chb. Meeting	
		3:30-Speech Conf Ford Museum NFRW	T 2:30-Mtg/Arts & Humanities	11:30-Depart. 2:00-To Residence		
	N Eve-Arr/WH		T 3:30-NSC	N 5:30-Lionel Hampton	Eve-Hold for Ken Cen	Eve-Hold for Ken Cen
			N 7:30-State Dinner B-TIE	N 6:15-WH Recep.		
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13 Nat. Hispanic Week	14 Office	15	16	17	18	19
	10:15-Cong Time 11:00-Yorktown Com Proc Signing	9:30-GOP Ldrs.	10:15-Boys Club	T 9:30-Cong. Heart Ldr's	N* 11:00-Ford Museum Dedication	N*T To Camp David
		T 11:30-Pres. Comm. on Exec. Exchange Participants	11:30-Pres. Comm. on Exec. Exchange Swearing In	T 12:00-Working Lm/ Cabinet Mtg.	N* To Denver	
		T 12:00-Lunch		N* 2:30-To Grand Rapids	N* 2:00-NFRW-Denver	
		T 1:30-Speech Conf Regarding ACP	N An-Quantico		N Ret/Wash., D.C.	
		T 2:30-NSC	N 5:30-WH Reception and Buffet- Senatorial Trust		N 9:00-Arr/Wash., D.C.	
ON WASHINGTON D.C.	ON WASHINGTON D.C.	ON WASHINGTON D.C.	ON WASHINGTON D.C.	ON GRAND RAPIDS	ON WASHINGTON D.C.	ON CAMP DAVID
20	21 Office	22	23	24	25	26
N*T Camp David		T 1:30-Cab. Mtg.	T 11:00-Cab. Mtg.	12:00-Lunch/VP	10:30-Moi Briefing	
		4:30-II-II Hold		T 1:30-NSC	11:30-Mtg/Moi	
N Ret/White House		T 5:15-Photo		N* 5:30-To Richmond	12:00-Lunch/Moi	N*T Camp David
		N 5:30-Eagles Rec.	N Eye-WH Recep. for Call/Tex. Del.	N* 6:30-Coleman Rec.	1:30-Speech Prep/ VAPC	
				N Ret/Wash., D.C.	N*T 2:00-To Camp David	
ON WASHINGTON D.C.	ON WASHINGTON D.C.	ON WASHINGTON D.C.	ON WASHINGTON D.C.	ON WASHINGTON D.C.	ON CAMP DAVID	ON CAMP DAVID
27	28	29 Rosh Hoshana	30			
	N* To New Orleans	9:30-GOP Ldrs.	*T To Quantico			
N*T Camp David	N*T 11:00-Internat. Assoc. of Police Chiefs					
	N*T 12:00-Political Event					
	N 3:30-Ret/Wash., D.C.					

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N* = First White House
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And it was your boy who helped destroy the bridges. Admiral, if my eyes are red it's for that kid. Because he was mine too. And I lost him."

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HOSTAGES' FAMILIES REACHING LOW POINT

Relative Right: Mrs.
and the Intervention
Afghanistan War: Mr.

By MATTHEW WALD

American families, although the growing strain of having a relative held captive in the Embassy in Tehran has been unrevealed for two days, the crisis has had its high points and its low ones. The last few days have been filled with low ones, according to some of the families.

The first few days after the Nov. 4 crisis, when it became clear that the incident would not end swiftly, were especially difficult for the families. But the trip to Washington for the briefing at the State Department, and the speech to the families by a team of friends of Carter, was a bit to morale. Christmas was another bit for most, although the celebrations were somewhat muted.

The acceptance, though, is dropping out and the gloom of the situation has begun to

some of the families.
Mrs. Judy Eibenbeck, in a call to the apartment two days ago about the release of her daughter, told me my family better sobbing, she said, just when I found out about

have women's organizations

Sergeant Sickmann's mother, in days earlier, when Eibenbeck's mother of another hostage stopped to visit the Sickmann home in Krakow, Mo. Mrs. Kupke, who is 32 years old son Frederick, is a civilian State Department employee, was driving home in

Frankville, Ind., from a Christmas party in Lawrence, Kan., on the day Mrs. Sickmann got a telephone call from Mary Lopez of Globe, Ariz.

who said James is a Marine sergeant, and three months later

it seems like I'm taking forever to get anything. Mr.



Virgil and Toni Sickmann, parents of Sgt. Rodney Sickmann, a Marine hostage in Teheran, at home on Christmas.

Way work. They tell him he said to keep calm just as he was crying.

"I said, how long can he do this? He's keeping us just like we are, but how long are we going to?"

Crisis Is Present at Home

Mrs. Sickmann anticipates some crisis at home. "I just see it as an act of God, that's all," she says, and her daughter blinks at it.

The Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, she says, is the family's worst nightmare. "I just see it as an act of God, that's all," she says, and her daughter blinks at it. "I just see it as an act of God, that's all," she says, and her daughter blinks at it.

from the fact that the family

Kevin Hermon, a Marine sergeant, who was missing in the only contact with the Embassy so far, were ever right and now, I don't even mention it," she said.

Harriet Allen of North Latrobe, Ark., whose 37-year-old son, Robert Blackwell, is a hostage, has given up analyzing the intervention. "I know it's not going to go

body she said. She is no longer sure even of the pace of American foreign policy effort. "The Secretary General said we were pushing too much to slow

down and might help," she said. This week, in Washington, National

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— DICKIE — AND RETURN ASAP.

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DICK
DARMAN

VISIT TO CONSTELLATION -- WELCOMING REMARKS

-- ~~Thank~~ ^{you} Captain Brooks, and ~~thanks to~~ ^{THANK YOU} the crew of the Constellation for extending me this opportunity. This ship represents a powerful force in an uncertain ~~world. The country sleeps better at night knowing you are on duty. Everything we hold dear is safer because of the job each of you is doing.~~ ^{and we all sleep a little} ^{as Americans} ^{what all are}

-- I'd like to especially greet those who will be in the air department, the combat direction center, in engineering and communication later on. Although you won't be with us later, you are certainly not forgotten.

-- The engineering unit, I understand, faces a major recertification examination tomorrow and the September readiness evaluation is also rapidly approaching. These are two of the major challenges for which you've been preparing, and I'm confident you will come through with flying colors.

-- So for those who will be standing watch, ^{my only best wishes.} I wish you ~~best~~ For the rest of the officers and crew, I am looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you ^{after all this is quite an experience for an aviator} about the job you are doing. I wish all aboard a ~~very~~ ^{good}

Connie Day.

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CONSTELLATION ASSEMBLY -- WELCOMING REMARKS

Good afternoon. Presidents are permitted to experience so many things, but this day will be remembered. This ship, the officers and crew, make me proud to be your Commander-in-Chief. The demonstration of firepower and efficiency by the air wing was impressive. ^{what is most important} ~~I am certain that~~ it also impresses the enemies of freedom.

This carrier and its air wing represent the cutting edge of naval power. ~~All of you are to be commended for the teamwork and commandery that I witnessed today.~~

It takes an extra bit of dedication to do this job. ~~the~~ ~~know that~~ It's rough -- on you and your families. But ^{it has never} ~~you~~ ^{been more} necessary ~~today~~ ^{as} at any time in ~~the~~ ^{our} Nation's history. ^{from it is today.} Without someone willing to put in the long hours, willing to ^{suffer} ~~sacrifice~~ the frustrations, and willing to risk the dangers -- ~~I can assure you that your country would not be~~ ^{our} ~~sure of continued peace & freedom~~ ~~be free, prosperous, or safe.~~ There is no greater gift you can give your family, your community, or your country than the protection you afford ~~by doing this job.~~

There have been times when those in the military were taken for granted. It will not happen in this Administration, ~~that's a promise.~~ We are going to make sure your pay is fair and that you have the equipment needed to do the job right, from spare parts to new ships.

Today, military adventurism and subversion threaten in far away areas of the world. Providing security for the United States is a greater challenge than ever, but we will meet that challenge. We are committed to a 600-ship Navy -- a Navy big enough to deter aggression wherever it might occur.

Let Friend and foe alike ~~not~~ know that America has the muscle to back up its words. And ships like this and men like you are the muscle ~~behind America's word~~.

Of course, more than equipment is needed. You deserve compensation worthy of the sacrifices you are making -- and you will get it. We are taking the steps necessary to encourage you to stick with the service -- because you're needed ~~and because you'll be getting a fair shake~~.

But ~~it's~~ ^{UNKNOWN-IT TAKES} more than money ^{to} that keeps you out here. The word patriotism is defined as, "love for or devotion to one's country." ~~It is something you can't buy, and it is~~ ^{But it is PRESENT} something ~~I feel~~ on this great ship -- and ~~that goes for~~ those on the Destroyer Fletcher, the Cruiser Jouett (Jewett) and the Frigate Wadsworth as well.

There is a new spirit sweeping America, and you are part of it. The Navy's pride and professionalism campaign is part of it; the push for quality by American workers is part of it; that young Marine, Sergeant ~~Danny~~ Lopez, and naval aviator, Commander Don Sharer, who would not bend to their Iranian captors, are part of it.

And your country won't forget that while they were held hostage, you were nearby, ready to help -- setting a new record for the number of continuous days any conventional ship has been at sea.

Your countrymen knew what that meant: the long hours, the strenuous effort, the pain of being away from loved ones. Yet, there were still those ^{among you} who reenlisted. ~~This is the kind of spirit for which America is known. It is the kind of spirit you represent.~~

In his book, the Bridges at Toko Ri, novelist James Michener ^{wrote} ~~writes~~ movingly of the ^{men} ~~heroes~~ who fought in the Korean conflict. ~~He wrote of their hardship as they served in cold, twilight struggle that many at home only wanted to forget.~~

^{MICHAENER WROTE OF}
In the book's final scene, an admiral stands on the darkened bridge of his carrier waiting for pilots ^{who were blown off} ~~he knows~~ ^{THE CARRIER'S DECK TO BOMB THE TOKO RI BRIDGES + WHO NOW MUST TRY TO FIND} ~~will never return from their raid on the Toko Ri bridges.~~ ^{THAT DECK IN THE DARK OF NIGHT - THOSE WHO HAD SURVIVED THE ROCKETS & FLAK.} ~~Finally, he breaks his vigil and --~~ Wondering at their

selflessness of those forgotten fliers ~~in the silent~~
^{HE KEEPS ALOUD}
darkness . . . "Where do we get such men? . . . where do we get such men?"

Understanding your dedication, no American could help but ask -- in wonder and gratitude -- that same question.

Today, your ship's motto -- spirit of the old, pride of the new -- fits the Nation as well as this vessel. I speak for all Americans when I say how proud you make us. So in

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WELL YOU ARE THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION. THEY CAME AS YOU HAVE COME - FROM CITIES & TOWNS
~~WHERE DO WE GET SUCH MEN?~~

VILLAGES & FARMS - PRODUCT OF THE FREEST SOC. MAN HAS EVER KNOWN.

WHAT YOU & I SEEK TOGETHER IS PEACE & BY DOING WHAT YOU ARE DOING YOU HELP INSURE PEACE -
YOUR PRESENCE HERE SAYS TO ANY POTENTIAL ENEMY - THE PRICE OF AGGRESSION IS HIGHER THAN HE CAN AFFORD.

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-- Today, your ship's motto -- spirit of the old, pride of the new -- fits the Nation as well as this vessel. I speak for all ^{AMERICANS} ~~citizens~~ when I say how proud you make us. So in the weeks ahead, when the Connie sails into the Western Pacific, remember, ~~we are with you because~~ wherever you are, there also is America.

Men of the Constellation it has been an honor to be with you. Thank you & God Bless you.

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REMARKS FOR CONSTELLATION ASSEMBLY

GOOD AFTERNOON. PRESIDENTS ARE PERMITTED TO EXPERIENCE SO MANY THINGS, BUT THIS DAY WILL BE REMEMBERED. THIS SHIP, THE OFFICERS AND CREW, MAKE ME PROUD TO BE YOUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. THE DEMONSTRATION OF FIREPOWER AND EFFICIENCY BY THE AIR WING WAS IMPRESSIVE. WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT IT ALSO IMPRESSES THE ENEMIES OF FREEDOM.

THIS CARRIER AND ITS AIR WING REPRESENT THE CUTTING EDGE OF NAVAL POWER.

IT TAKES AN EXTRA BIT OF DEDICATION TO DO THIS JOB. IT'S

ROUGH -- ON YOUR AND YOUR FAMILIES. BUT IT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE NECESSARY AT ANY TIME IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY THAN IT IS TODAY. WITHOUT SOMEONE WILLING TO PUT IN THE LONG HOURS, WILLING TO SUFFER THE FRUSTRATIONS, AND WILLING TO RISK THE DANGERS -- OUR COUNTRY WOULD NOT BE SURE OF CONTINUED PEACE AND FREEDOM. THERE IS NO GREATER GIFT YOU CAN GIVE YOUR FAMILY, YOUR COMMUNITY, OR YOUR COUNTRY THAN THE PROTECTION YOU AFFORD BY DOING THIS JOB.

THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN THOSE IN THE MILITARY WERE TAKEN FOR GRANTED. IT WILL NOT HAPPEN IN THIS ADMINISTRATION. WE ARE

GOING TO MAKE SURE YOUR PAY IS FAIR
AND THAT YOU HAVE THE EQUIPMENT NEEDED
TO DO THE JOB RIGHT, FROM SPARE PARTS
TO NEW SHIPS.

TODAY, MILITARY ADVENTURISM AND
SUBVERSION THREATEN IN FAR AWAY AREAS
OF THE WORLD. PROVIDING SECURITY FOR
THE UNITED STATES IS A GREATER CHALLENGE
THAN EVER, BUT WE WILL MEET THAT CHALLENGE.
WE ARE COMMITTED TO A 600-SHIP NAVY --
A NAVY BIG ENOUGH TO DETER AGGRESSION
WHEREVER IT MIGHT OCCUR.

LET FRIEND AND FOE ALIKE KNOW
THAT AMERICA HAS THE MUSCLE TO BACK UP
ITS WORDS. AND SHIPS LIKE THIS AND
MEN LIKE YOU ARE THAT MUSCLE.

OF COURSE, MORE THAN EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED. YOU DESERVE COMPENSATION WORTHY OF THE SACRIFICES YOU ARE MAKING -- AND YOU WILL GET IT. WE ARE TAKING THE STEPS NECESSARY TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO STICK WITH THE SERVICE -- BECAUSE YOU'RE NEEDED.

BUT YOU KNOW IT TAKES MORE THAN MONEY TO KEEP YOU OUT HERE. THE WORD PATRIOTISM IS DEFINED AS "LOVE FOR OR DEVOTION TO ONE'S COUNTRY" AND IT CAN'T BE BOUGHT. BUT IT IS PRESENT ON THIS GREAT SHIP -- AND ON THE DESTROYER FLETCHER, THE CRUISER JOUETT (JEW-ETT) AND THE FRIGATE WADSWORTH AS WELL.

THERE IS A NEW SPIRIT SWEEPING AMERICA, AND YOU ARE PART OF IT. THE NAVY'S PRIDE AND PROFESSIONALISM CAMPAIGN IS PART OF IT; THE PUSH FOR QUALITY BY AMERICAN WORKERS IS PART OF IT; THAT YOUNG MARINE, SERGEANT JIMMY LOPEZ, AND NAVAL AVIATOR, COMMANDER DON SHARER, WHO WOULD NOT BEND TO THEIR IRANIAN CAPTORS, ARE PART OF IT.

AND YOUR COUNTRY WON'T FORGET THAT WHILE THEY WERE HELD HOSTAGE, YOU WERE NEARBY, READY TO HELP -- SETTING A NEW RECORD FOR THE NUMBER OF CONTINUOUS DAYS ANY CONVENTIONAL SHIP HAS BEEN AT SEA.

YOUR COUNTRYMEN KNEW WHAT THAT MEANT: THE LONG HOURS, THE STRENUOUS

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IN HIS BOOK, THE BRIDGES AT TOKO RI, NOVELIST JAMES MICHENER WROTE MOVINGLY OF THE MEN WHO FOUGHT IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT.

IN THE BOOK'S FINAL SCENE, MICHENER WROTE OF AN ADMIRAL STANDING ON THE DARKENED BRIDGE OF HIS CARRIER WAITING FOR THE PILOTS WHO HAD FLOWN OFF THE CARRIER'S DECK TO BOMB THE TOKO RI BRIDGES AND WHO NOW MUST TRY TO FIND THAT DECK IN THE DARK OF NIGHT -- THOSE WHO HAD SURVIVED THE ROCKETS AND FLAK.

WONDERING AT THEIR SELFLESSNESS,
ALONE IN THE DARKNESS HE ASKS
ALOUD . . . "WHERE DO WE GET SUCH
MEN?"

WELL YOU ARE THE ANSWER TO
THAT QUESTION. THEY CAME AS YOU
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VILLAGES AND FARMS -- PRODUCTS OF
THE FREEST SOCIETY MAN HAS EVER
KNOWN.

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IS PEACE AND BY DOING WHAT YOU ARE
DOING YOU HELP INSURE PEACE -- YOUR
PRESENCE HERE SAYS TO ANY POTENTIAL
ENEMY -- THE PRICE OF AGGRESSION IS
HIGHER THAN HE CAN AFFORD.

TODAY, YOUR SHIP'S MOTTO --
SPIRIT OF THE OLD, PRIDE OF THE

NEW -- FITS THE NATION AS WELL AS
THIS VESSEL. (PAUSE FOR BILL
SIGNING DESIGNATING COMMODORE JOHN
BARRY DAY.)

I SPEAK FOR ALL AMERICANS
WHEN I SAY HOW PROUD YOU MAKE US.
IN THE WEEKS AHEAD, WHEN THE CONNIE
SAILS INTO THE WESTERN PACIFIC,
REMEMBER WHEREVER YOU ARE, THERE
ALSO IS AMERICA.

MEN OF THE CONSTELLATION, IT
HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO BE WITH YOU.
THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.

VISIT TO CONSTELLATION -- WELCOMING REMARKS

- CAPTAIN BROOKS AND CREW OF THE CONSTELLATION THANK YOU FOR EXTENDING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY. THIS SHIP REPRESENTS A POWERFUL FORCE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD AND WE ALL SLEEP A LITTLE BETTER AT NIGHT KNOWING YOU ARE ON DUTY. EVERYTHING WE AS AMERICANS HOLD DEAR IS SAFER BECAUSE OF WHAT ALL OF YOU ARE DOING.
- I'D LIKE TO ESPECIALLY GREET THOSE WHO WILL BE IN THE AIR DEPARTMENT, THE COMBAT DIRECTION CENTER, IN ENGINEERING AND COMMUNICATION LATER ON. ALTHOUGH YOU WON'T BE WITH US LATER, YOU ARE CERTAINLY NOT FORGOTTEN
- THE ENGINEERING UNIT, I UNDERSTAND, FACES A MAJOR RECERTIFICATION EXAMINATION TOMORROW AND THE

SEPTEMBER READINESS EVALUATION
IS ALSO RAPIDLY APPROACHING.
THESE ARE TWO OF THE MAJOR CHALLENGES
FOR WHICH YOU'VE BEEN PREPARING,
AND I'M CONFIDENT YOU WILL COME
THROUGH WITH FLYING COLORS.

-- SO FOR THOSE WHO WILL BE STANDING
WATCH, MY VERY BEST WISHES. AND
FOR THE REST OF THE OFFICERS AND
CREW, I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING
YOU AND GETTING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT
THE JOB YOU ARE DOING. AFTER ALL,
THIS IS QUITE AN EXPERIENCE FOR AN
EX-HORSE CAVALRYMAN. I WISH ALL
ABOARD A GOOD CONNIE DAY.