

U.S.S. NATHAN HALE (SSB(N) 623)

c/o Supervisor of Shipbuilding, USN
Groton, Connecticut

At Sea
North Atlantic
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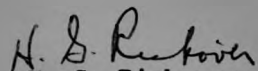
Dear Dwight:

We have just successfully completed the first sea trials of the USS NATHAN HALE. The NATHAN HALE is our fourteenth Polaris type nuclear submarine; with this submarine we will have the capability of launching 224 missiles from hidden, mobile platforms.

The NATHAN HALE was built by the Electric Boat Company at Groton, Connecticut.

We also have in operation eighteen attack type nuclear submarines, making a total of thirty-two. When all nuclear submarines in programs authorized by Congress are approved, the United States will have forty-one Polaris and forty-seven attack submarines.

Sincerely,


H. G. Rickover

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