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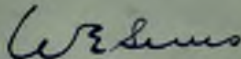
Mr. Dwight A. Ink,
Assistant General Manager
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ink,

As THEODORE ROOSEVELT nears the end of its first "peace patrol," we feel it fitting to acknowledge our thanks to the numerous members of our national community who have made this patrol possible. Admiral Rickover wrote you on the occasion of our first sea trials. Since that time it has been my distinct privilege to mold the officers and crew of this fine ship into the most efficient team possible. These men are as dedicated and loyal a group of men as I have ever seen assembled. They serve with great pride and devotion and are keenly aware of the important part they play as members of the Polaris defense team. However, their efforts would be to no avail without the fantastic scientific achievements embodied in this ship. These achievements, particularly the exploitation of the distinct tactical advantages of a nuclear propelled submarine through its marriage to an advanced, reliable missile system, have been the results of the efforts of many devoted Americans. The incorporation of the extremely high degree of safety into the reactor plant of this ship is an achievement of the A.E.C. for which we are grateful. It is the individuals who have made these systems possible that we wish to salute. The successful completion of this patrol is the highest tribute that we can offer to these loyal citizens.

It is my pleasure to enclose an autographed brochure describing the THEODORE ROOSEVELT which we hope you will find interesting. On behalf of the officers and crew of the THEODORE ROOSEVELT, and of the dedicated men in our technical bureaus whose efforts have made this trip possible, I extend our very best wishes.

Respectfully,



W. E. SIMS
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding