

USS FLASHER (SSN 613)
CARE OF FLEET POST OFFICE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

At Sea
North Atlantic
23 May 1966

Dear Dwight:

We are returning from the first sea trials of the USS FLASHER, our twenty-third attack type nuclear submarine. The ship completed all tests, including full power operation, both surface and submerged.

The FLASHER was built by the Electric Boat Division of the General Dynamics Corporation, Groton, Connecticut.

In addition to the twenty-three attack nuclear submarines, we also have thirty-seven Polaris type submarines, making a total of sixty nuclear submarines in operation. When all nuclear submarines presently authorized by Congress are completed, the United States will have a nuclear submarine fleet of forty-one Polaris and fifty-seven attack submarines, and a small submarine capable of exploring the ocean bottom.

Sincerely,


H. G. Rickover

Mr. Dwight A. Ink
Rockville, Maryland