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Mr. George W. Stuber
111 E. Springbranch Road
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Dear Mr. Stuber:

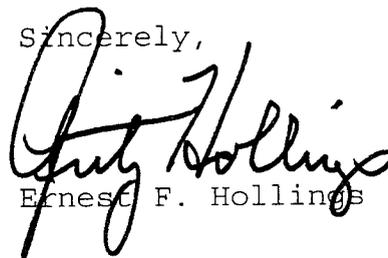
Thank you for sharing your concerns about the current plans for downsizing the Navy.

The intentions to adjust were brought about by the Congress and its insistence on budgetary savings, just as such adjustments in our military were made in previous eras. Despite the downsizing, we retain the most powerful military force in the world.

While I might agree with your concern about the impact of such reductions, I assure you I will never support any proposal which would prevent us from maintaining our status as a Super Power.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Ernest F. Hollings

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March 16, 1999

Mr. George W. Stuber
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Dear George:

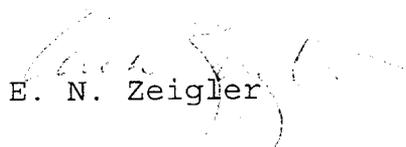
It was good to hear from you again. My loyalty will always be to the Navy that you and I served in, and I regret that it appears that the Navy will be reduced in the coming years.

I have not kept abreast of the types of ships which are regarded as being essential to the worldwide strategy we are now engaged in. However, I will certainly speak up for keeping the number of ships in the Navy as high as possible, because that is the way we can maintain the high traditions of the Navy service.

It was good to hear from you, and I hope our paths will cross again in the future.

With my kind regards.

Sincerely,


E. N. Zeigler

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August 6, 1998

Mr. George W. Stuber
111 East Springbranch Road
Effingham, South Carolina 29541

Dear Mr. Stuber:

Thank you for contacting my office to let me know your thoughts and views.

I am always eager to hear the concerns of South Carolinians. Please be assured that I have noted your views and will bear them in mind during consideration of relevant legislation.

Thank you again, and please do not hesitate to contact me on any matter of Congressional concern.

Respectfully,


John M. Spratt Jr.
Member of Congress

JMSj:

THURMOND
SOUTH CAROLINA

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4001

November 16, 1998

*Letter # 2
from 500*

Mr. George W. Stuber
111 E. Springbranch Road
Effingham, South Carolina 29541

Dear Mr. Stuber:

Thank you for your letter of recent date.

I appreciate your writing to further explain your opinions regarding Navy Force Structure falling below 600 ships. Please be assured that I understand your concerns and have given this matter my most careful consideration and study, keeping your particular comments in mind. I, however, feel that Rear Admiral Byrd is aware of the situation. I have confidence in his response to your inquiry.

Thank you again for sharing with me your thoughts on this issue. Any time you have comments or concerns on matters within my jurisdiction as your United States Senator, please do not hesitate to communicate them to me.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,



Strom Thurmond

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George W. Stuber
111 E. Springbranch Rd.
Effingham, SC 29541
November 9, 1998

Rear Admiral J. T. Byrd
Director, Strategy and Policy Division (NSI)
Department of the Navy
Chief of Naval Operations
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20550-2000

Dear Admiral Byrd:

I am in receipt of your reply to my inquiry concerning our reduced number of ships in the FLEET.

Your letter was well-written. My concern is what you consider "acceptable" risk! I am not denying the fact that the United States has a "high tech" Naval force. I also am not denying the fact that our sailors are extremely capable and professional. The following are my concerns about a navy with less than 600 ships:

- 1. The former Soviet Union could revert to the old communist system if the transition to a democratic society fails.
- 2. China is not a "bedfellow"; they could expand at any time due to our reductions in the military.
3. No matter how professional we are, you cannot overlook numbers. If you have one ship on the line and your enemy has two or three, you will not prevail in battle, regardless of technology.
4. Today's "budgetary environment" must not be used as an excuse to reduce our country's forces to rubble. From the reports I hear and read about in the media, the military in general is moving in a bad direction.
5. We must not repeat the cycle as before. Every time we reduce, we get caught with our pants down.

In conclusion, I thank you for responding to my Senator's inquiry on my behalf. Perhaps the trend can be reversed.

Very truly yours,

George W. Stuber

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*Letter #3
to Simon
and adm. Byrd*

George W. Stuber
111 E. Springbranch Rd.
Effingham, SC 29541
October 28, 1998

U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond
United States Senate
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-4001

Re: Your File No. 391887

Dear Senator Thurmond:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my inquiry about the "Bottoms Up Review Program."

You can be of further assistance by reviewing the enclosed reply from Rear Admiral J. T. Byrd and my response to his reply which is attached. After reviewing these letters, please advise whether further concern is justified on my part.

Again, thank you for your prompt reply and concern.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

George W. Stuber

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forward engaged with foreign countries and navies around the world. Today's fleet consists of not only the most technically advanced ships, but an extremely capable and professional group of men and women who proudly serve their country every day of the year, all over the world.

As always, if I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,



J. T. Byrd
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy
Director, Strategy and
Policy Division (N51)

The Honorable Strom Thurmond
United States Senate
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-4001



18 September 1998

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Thank you for your letter of August 7, 1998 regarding the correspondence from your constituent, Mr. George W. Stuber, case number 391887. I am responding on behalf the Office of Legislative Affairs.

Mr. Stuber addressed concern over Navy Force Structure falling below 600 ships. He made reference in his letter to the Bottom Up Review, which was a strategic evaluation of our Nation's forces conducted in 1993. As you know, this assessment was repeated four years later in 1997 and published as the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR). The QDR evaluated the post-Cold War threats facing the U.S. and determined that the Nation required a fleet consisting of 12 aircraft carriers, 12 Amphibious Ready Groups, 50 attack submarines, and 116 surface combatants. These numbers were confirmed in an independent evaluation by the National Defense Panel (NDP) in December of 1997.

While we must be careful to balance our world wide commitments against acceptable risk arising from reduced force structure, a 600 ship Navy could not be sustained in today's budgetary environment.

Today's U.S. Navy has 339 ships in commission. This includes 12 Carrier Battle Groups and 12 Amphibious Ready Groups. Our Navy is 'on watch' and

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*Letter #2
from Strom*

September 24, 1998

Mr. George W. Stuber
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Dear Mr. Stuber:

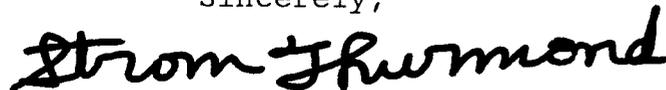
Enclosed is a copy of correspondence which I have received from the Department of the Navy. I think you will find it self-explanatory.

Please be assured that it was a pleasure to make this contact on your behalf, and I hope that it proves to be informative to you.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,



Strom Thurmond

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Enclosure

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UNITED STATES SENATE

*Letter # 1
To Strom*

August 7, 1998

Mr. George W. Stuber
111 E. Springbranch Road
Effingham, South Carolina 29541

Dear Mr. Stuber:

Thank you for your letter of recent date.

I am looking into this matter for you, and I will get back in touch with you just as soon as I have a response to my inquiry.

If I can be helpful in the meantime, please feel free to call on me.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,



Strom Thurmond

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*These Concerns apply to all Branches
of our Armed Forces, not Just Navy!!*

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JUST
LETTER

George W. Stuber
111 E. Springbranch Rd.
Effingham, SC 29541
July 31, 1998

Recently, I read a most interesting book - *History of The U.S. Navy* - by James M. Morris (1977, revised edition). To my astonishment, this record has revealed a distressing pattern of neglect towards maintaining an adequate Naval force to accomplish our goals and properly keep our sea lanes open. Time and time again, our forces have been cut to the bone in order to allow other priorities to prevail. This really concerns me. The following is a direct quote from this book which is found on page 247 (*The State of the Navy*).

According to the Bottom-up Review plans for 1999, this number will then stand at 452 - 462. Included will be a drop in strategic missile submarines from 35 to 17, attack submarines from 97 to 44 - 55, fleet aircraft carriers from 15 to 11, and surface ships from 427 - 346. Furthermore, with an estimated ship-life of 30 years for the Navy's existing vessels and with the Navy's ship-building program reduced to an average of six new ships per year joining the fleet during the mid-1990's (down from 20 ships per year during the 1980's), it can be calculated that the Navy will have only 180 combatant ships afloat within a short period of time.

If half of the information above (and elsewhere) is correct, we (our Nation) will be placed in "harms way" by any two-bit adversary. Our Naval forces should **never** fall below 600 ships (of all types). No matter how sophisticated our technology, there is no substitute for numbers.

In conclusion, I would like to urge a complete "rethinking" of our Naval commitment. We don't need to repeat history by being totally unprepared for new emergencies.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

George W. Stuber

FORT JACKSON COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION

AGENDA

- 2 PM Musical Entertainment**
Robin Vaughan Parler
Saluda River Academy for the Arts Choral Group
Eric Horner
- 3 PM Program**
- Opening Prayer**
Reverend Barry Gray, Associate Pastor, Shandon Baptist
- Presentation of Colors**
AC Flora High School Color Guard
- National Anthem | The Livingston Sisters**
Roxanne Livingston, Rebekah Morris, Rachel Popkowski
- Welcome**
Boyd Jones, Chairman, Columbia Chamber
- U.S. Army Assessment Team Introduction**
Major General Bradley Becker
- U.S. Army Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment & Format Review**
Fort Jackson Command Staff
- Comments from Community Leaders**
- Musical Entertainment**
Eric Horner Vision for Victory
- 4 PM Comments from the General Public**

SPEAKING GUIDELINES

The Community Listening Session begins at 3 PM.

The General Public Comments begin at 4 PM.

Please keep your comments as brief as possible.

There are microphones at the front of the three main aisles.

Begin by stating your name.

If you need special assistance getting to the microphones, please let a volunteer know.

By agreeing to speak, you agree to be recorded and your words be used freely by the media, the Columbia Chamber and the United States Army Assessment Team

COMMENT CARDS

If you are uncomfortable speaking or cannot stay for the duration of the program, comment cards are available directly outside of the sanctuary, for you to share your thoughts with the United States Army Assessment Team.

By the Numbers:

 **75,000**

75,000 soldiers are trained at Fort Jackson every year. With these potential cuts, our basic training program is in jeopardy.

>\$2 billion

These personnel cuts would result in a severe and devastating loss of the Fort's \$2 billion economic impact in the Midlands.

 **3,100**

Proposed cuts to personnel total 3,100 positions - roughly half of the Fort's staff.



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threatening our security. This is not the time for any reductions in our military - no matter which branch. We need to increase - not decrease the forces. The facility at Fort Jackson must never be reduced. It needs to be expanded to meet the threats that face this nation.

Please review the enclosures - written during the 1990's - and relay the concerns to the appropriate persons in the chain of command for action.

Senators Graham and Scott have copies which were sent to them in March 2014. Apparently, my letters fell on deaf ears.

The bottom line is this - Fort Jackson must be allowed to continue with no reductions - and enlarged, if possible.

With kindest regards,
George W. Huber
Former Military - U.S.N.

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27 FEBRUARY 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1203 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

The Community listening session at the Shandon Baptist Church yesterday a far most informative, and disappointing!

This is the second time, during my lifetime - where the "Powers in Washington" want to reduce spending and balance the budget at the expense of our National security. The first time was during the 1990's.

Enclosed are copies of my letters sent to our senators during that period. Most responded in the usual "political" letter format, however, the end result was the closing of our Navy base in Charleston. It took several years to recover from that closure.

There is another issue which is more important that needs addressing - National Security!!

As noted in my letter of November 9, 1998, to Rear Admiral Byrd, my concerns in items 1 and 2 are noteworthy. Now we can add to the list our fight against terrorism, both here and abroad!!

Yet - the cycle of reduction is again