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The Honorable
J. William Middendorf, II
Secretary of the Navy Designate
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Congratulations on your nomination as Secretary of the Navy. What more could a Navy man desire? As one myself, I know how delighted you must be. It will be a demanding job, since the Navy's strategic role is becoming ever more crucial, but I know you will do the same great job you did in the Hague.

If there is anything we at NATO can help you with, please let me know. I look forward to your first official visit to NATO.

Sincerely,

Donald Rumsfeld



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