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Mr. John A. McCone  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone,

The beautiful lithographs you sent the ship in memory of Mrs. McCone were presented at the commissioning ceremony by Rear Admiral Fahy, Commander of the Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

It appears providential that there were two large areas of bulkhead in the PERMIT wardroom which had defied efforts to properly utilize. The prints have been hung in these two locations and have added a great deal to the decor. The subjects of the prints certainly are in keeping with the traditions with which we shall strive to operate PERMIT and are most appropriate.

The enclosed photograph was taken at the commissioning reception and includes Admiral Benson, Commander Submarine Force, Pacific, Admiral Fahy, and Lieutenant Commander A. J. M. Atkins, PERMIT Executive Officer.

On behalf of the officers and men of PERMIT, I extend the warmest invitation for you to visit our fine ship any time that our paths should cross.

Sincerely,

*Robert H. Blount*  
Robert H. BLOUNT  
Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy  
Commanding Officer