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Dear Admiral McDonald:

Heartiest congratulations on your appointment as Chief of Naval Operations. I was delighted to hear the news although I am sure you leave your present responsibilities and your delightful surroundings at Ville Franche with great reluctance. Nevertheless I assure you that your many friends will welcome you here with great enthusiasm and will try to make an interesting and pleasant life for you in Washington.

I so often regret our inability to get together for a golf game when I was staying in Cap Ferrat last September. When you are back and settled in your new responsibilities, I hope we can work out a game or two at either Chevy Chase or at Burning Tree.

Again, my warmest congratulations.

Sincerely,

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Signed "John"

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