

U. S. S. ETHAN ALLEN (SSB(N)608)
% Supervisor of Shipbuilding, USN
Groton, Connecticut

61-5044

At Sea
North Atlantic

20 June 1961

Dear Mr. Dulles:

We are returning from the first sea trials of the USS ETHAN ALLEN, SSB(N)608. This is our twenty-first nuclear powered submarine, and the sixth equipped to fire Polaris missiles.

The ETHAN ALLEN was designed and built by the Electric Boat Division, Groton, Connecticut. She is the first Polaris submarine designed from the outset as a missile firing submarine; the previous five were modifications of attack submarine designs.

With approval of the thirteen submarines in the Fiscal Year 1962 shipbuilding program, the Navy will have twenty-nine Polaris and thirty-two attack nuclear submarines in operation, under construction, or authorized.

Sincerely,

H. G. Rickover

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Mr. Allen Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 "E" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

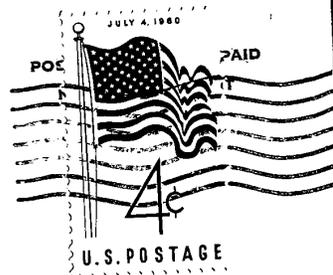
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