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Dear Admiral:

It has been only a few days since I returned from Paris to take this new job here, and I brought with me all sorts of best wishes for you from Admiral Lemonier, Admiral Missoffe, Admiral Moreau, and the host of other friends of yours.

Just before leaving I had the pleasure of presenting Legions of Merit to Admiral Nomy, the head of the French Naval Air Force, to Admiral LeChuitton, the medical inspector for the French Navy, and to Captain Holly Williams who was formerly a French Naval Attache in Washington.

In making the arrangements for the presentation of their medals, during a conversation with Admiral Lemonier, he informed me that Vice Admiral Sable, Vice Admiral Missoffe, and Rear Admiral Peries had never received any decoration whatsoever from the American government. Admiral Lemonier said that naturally these officers were a little disappointed as they had all worked very closely and, presumably, very well with the American forces. From what I know personally of Sable and Missoffe, I can substantiate that, and I think that you, who commanded the above three officers, will be in agreement with that idea.

If it is possible, I think it would be an excellent idea for you to start a recommendation toward having Sable, Missoffe, and Peries receive an appropriate decoration. If I can do anything in Washington to support whatever recommendation you may care to make, I shall be happy to do so.

As the reports concerning these people are probably in the files in London, I am sending a copy of this letter to Admiral Conolly for his information.

Janie joins me in very best wishes to Floride, Mary Kent, Mrs. Hewitt, and yourself.

NAVY review(s) completed.

Most sincerely,

R. H. Hillenkoetter

cc - Admiral Conolly - Richard L.

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