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January 28, 1975

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I'm of course not as accessible as I used to be on Capitol Hill, but if and when you are in Washington I hope we may have an opportunity to get together to reminisce a bit.

Thank you again for getting in touch with me through Bob Hartmann.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

JERRY FORD

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60, clippings from old friend of "USS Monterey" Days

Mildred

Write Bill Bowsher &

a nice note. You may know him
as he frequently came to the "Hall."

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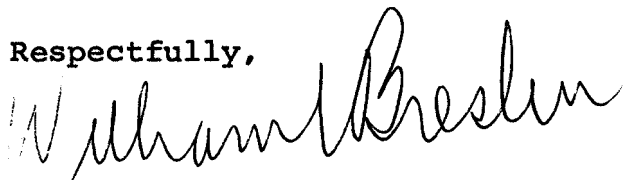
Dear Mr. Hartmann:

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a clipping from the "Record" published in Bergen County, New Jersey, which is self-explanatory.

I had the extreme pleasure of serving as a shipmate with President Ford. If you have a moment to get away from the burdens of Government, I would appreciate your showing this clipping to President Ford, give him my best regards and tell him I still have a picture of the players in a basketball game between the Aviators and the Ship's Officers on the elevator on the hangar deck of the Monterey.

I am certain that this picture with President Ford in the foreground will bring back pleasant remembrances of a fine interlude in the Pacific War.

Respectfully,



William V. Breslin

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