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July 20, 1976

Dear Captain Dowse:

Mrs. Ford, Susan and I are deeply grateful for your warm reception and your many courtesies when we visited the USS NASHVILLE on July 4. We consider ourselves fortunate to have been among those viewing the magnificent tall ships and naval vessels that participated in Operation Sail and the International Naval Review that day. The wooden plaque which was presented to me commemorating this event will always serve as a reminder of your thoughtfulness on this historic occasion.

With my thanks and warm best wishes,

Captain Herbert B. Dowse, Jr., USN USS NASHVILLE (LPD-13) FPO, New York 09501