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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Don R + Warren R.

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Rapids.

What do you  
all think?

JRF



SUPERINTENDENT  
UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY  
KINGS POINT, LONG ISLAND, N. Y. 11024

January 8, 1975

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

*Dear Jerry,*

It was a great pleasure to see you at the reception in honor of Mrs. Leonor Sullivan. Thank you for your cordial and friendly greeting and for sending me the pictures taken of you and me.

You may recall that your last visit to the United States Merchant Marine Academy was in 1971, when, as Minority Leader of the House, you addressed our Midshipmen. It is our hope that you would return to the Merchant Marine Academy as President, and address the graduating class on Monday, June 23, 1975. This would be a terrific first for us, as no President of the United States has visited this Academy, the only one of the Federal Academies that can make that claim.

Graduation is held outdoors in our stadium in a very attractive setting and is easily accessible by helicopter. This would be an excellent occasion for a maritime policy announcement.

We have been watching you skiing at Vail. Looks like more fun than our sledding days on Union Hill in Grand Rapids.

Tell Betty she looks even prettier every time she appears on TV and is one of the warmest and most charming First Ladies in history.

Edna and I send our best wishes for a happy, healthy, and successful year in 1975.

Sincerely,

*Art*

A. B. ENGEL  
Rear Admiral, USCG (Ret)

*orig. to Rutherford*



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WASHINGTON

January 21, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN RUSTAND

FROM: JERRY H. JONES

The attached letter was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

-- Admiral Engel is an old grade school classmate of mine from Grand Rapids. What do you all think?

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

