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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

Serial 203134

26 July 1945

My dear Mr. Johnson:

In reply to your letter dated July 11, 1945 which advises of the expected commencement of the field work by the staff investigating naval aircraft accidents, please be advised that the Navy Department will be pleased to extend the fullest cooperation to assist the subcommittee and its staff in this effort.

I have instructed the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Air and the Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics to extend the usual courtesies and cooperation to facilitate the work of the subcommittee. The members of the staff have been furnished letters of identity which explain their mission, for their assistance in contacting naval commanders in the field. Instructions for their reception and authorization for them to take passage in naval aircraft within the United States as necessary to facilitate their investigation have been issued.

Please be assured that I welcome the attention of the subcommittee and it is hoped that the investigation will reveal additional means for reducing attrition due to naval aircraft accidents.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "James Forrestal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
House of Representatives

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

16 July 1945

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 9, 1945, in reference to an investigation by members of your staff of manpower utilization and the administration of personnel programs at the Naval Torpedo Station, Newport, Rhode Island.

I have advised the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance that the study which you propose to make will begin on or about July 16, 1945. He will extend to the members of your staff all the facilities at his disposal for the accomplishment of the task.

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Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
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CC: Hon. Lyndon Johnson
Capt. Ramsey

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10 July 1945

My dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of 6 July 1945 and the enclosed copy of the report of the Subcommittee on Civilian Personnel of the Navy Department entitled "Management of Naval Shore Establishments." It seems to be an extremely thorough job.

The report, together with the observations on it contained in your letter, is presently under study by me and the appropriate officers of the department. As soon as possible I will report to you our comments and conclusions and any action which we are taking or propose to take upon the report.

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