



NAVAL REACTORS

May 12, 1994

The Honorable Ivan Selin
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop 16G15
One White Flint North
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Mr. Selin:

Last month an historic milestone was reached --
100 million miles steamed on nuclear power.

In recognition of this accomplishment, President Clinton issued letters to the Secretaries of Defense and Energy commemorating the achievement. A copy of the President's letters are attached.

In addition, I have provided a copy of my forwarding letter to all in the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program and copies of memoranda from the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of the Navy regarding this occasion.

In view of the continuing contribution made by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to our Program, I wanted you to have these expressions of recognition and support. Please convey to those with whom we have had an ongoing relationship my appreciation and that of the President for their efforts on behalf of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program.

Sincerely,

B. DeMars
Admiral, U.S. Navy

5/19...To Chairman's Office for Appropriate
Action...Cpy to: ACRS, RF...94-0484

Attachments

Copy to:
Mr. J. Taylor, Executive Director
for Operations, NRC

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 25, 1994

The Honorable William J. Perry
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear *William*

This month our Navy reaches a historic milestone -- 100 million miles steamed on nuclear power.

From the time the USS NAUTILUS first went to sea nearly 40 years ago, our nuclear-powered fleet has grown to 121 ships, including submarines, cruisers, and aircraft carriers. Nuclear propulsion has enabled these ships to make a vital and continuing contribution to our national interest -- greatly enhancing strategic deterrence, maintaining freedom of the seas, and providing an efficient means to address regional crises.

This milestone is remarkable because it has been reached safely and in a way that has protected the public and the environment, both here and abroad. The Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, with its high standards and efficiency, exemplifies the level of excellence we are working toward throughout our government.

I commend you and your Department for this great accomplishment. I know that this achievement could not have been possible if it were not for the hard work of thousands of committed people -- military and civilian -- both in industry and in government. They represent a remarkable blend of the best of our nation's talent and resolve, and I ask that you convey to them my personal congratulations for their contribution to this milestone.

Sincerely,

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WASHINGTON

April 25, 1994

The Honorable Hazel Rollins O'Leary
Secretary of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Hazel:

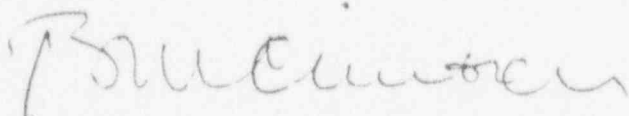
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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

28 APR 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

SUBJECT: 100 Million Miles on Nuclear Power

It is with pleasure that I forward to you the attached letter from the President recognizing the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program's achievement of having steamed over 100 million miles.

The presence of nuclear powered warships throughout the world represents one of the nation's most effective ways to deal with regional crises. This reliable and militarily effective presence is possible because of sustained excellence and hard work by Navy and civilian people from all walks. Please convey my appreciation for their efforts and my support for continuing the hard won level of excellence.

William J. Perry

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-1000

29 April 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, NAVAL NUCLEAR PROPULSION PROGRAM

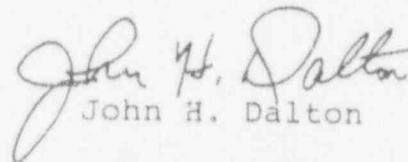
SUBJECT: 100 Million Miles on Nuclear Power

It is with great pleasure that I forward the attached letters from the President and the Secretary of Defense commemorating the steaming by our nuclear powered fleet of more than 100 million miles.

Having served as a nuclear qualified officer, I am personally familiar with the demands and high standards of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program. Under your leadership the Navy has continued to maintain the finest nuclear program in the world, with an unmatched safety and environmental protection record. The Program continues to have the support of this Administration for the practices and policies that have made this possible.

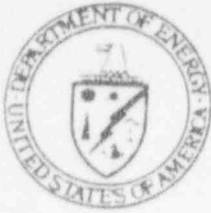
While we are bringing our force levels down, and reducing the support base accordingly, the role of nuclear propulsion remains as critical as it has ever been. The nuclear powered TRIDENT fleet will be essential to our strategic posture and we will continue to maintain a modern multi-mission attack submarine force. The nuclear powered surface ships provide immediate crisis response and the aircraft carrier force of the future will be almost totally nuclear powered. Thus, our national defense posture will continue to depend in significant measure on the effective operation of these ships.

My congratulations to you and all those who serve in your Program.


John H. Dalton

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The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

May 4, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL BRU ^{ADMIRAL}

FROM: HAZEL R. O'LEARY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hazel R. O'Leary".

SUBJECT: 100 MILLION MILE MILESTONE ON NUCLEAR
POWER

It is with great pleasure that I forward to you the attached letter from President Clinton recognizing the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program having achieved the milestone of its nuclear powered ships steaming 100 million miles.

This accomplishment is particularly significant in that so large a joint enterprise of the Department of Energy and Navy has achieved a safety and environmental protection record unmatched by any other nuclear program. While it was the Navy's ships that accumulated the mileage, the Program's Department of Energy laboratories and prototype reactors are integral to the success of the propulsion plants and the quality of the thousands of operators who have served in these ships.

To all the people in your program, I extend my personal best wishes and my continuing support for the structure and practices that have achieved sustained excellence over the history of this program.

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cc: All Departmental Elements



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April 29, 1994

TO ALL PROGRAM PERSONNEL

The nuclear powered fleet has reached the impressive milestone of steaming 100,000,000 miles. In recognition of this accomplishment, I am pleased to provide the attached letter from the President of the United States. Given the joint nature of our program, an identical letter was sent to the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Energy.

The effort to develop and deploy nuclear propulsion is one of this century's great achievements in engineering. Admiral Rickover transformed a potential technology into reality, revolutionizing submarine warfare and providing ships that perform multiple missions unsupported and without the constraint of fuel replenishment. As time has shown, of equal importance is the implementation of high standards and technical discipline -- and attracting high quality people -- so that the use of nuclear propulsion is safe and protects the environment.

We face a dramatically changing world that leads to a reduced number of ships and support activities. It does not mean, however, any less of a critical role for nuclear power in the future fleet. In dealing with downsizing issues, I am mindful of the extraordinary commitment and professionalism of the people associated with this work.

To each individual who is a part of the Program, you have the Nation's and my sincere appreciation for your contributions. You are a part of an enterprise that few, if any, can equal and one that has met the hardest test of all, sustained excellence over the long haul. In adjusting to future change, we will do so without compromising our standards or our performance. Your commitment and hard work remain essential to carrying the record forward.

B. DeMars
Director, Naval Nuclear
Propulsion

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