November 12, 1997

Commander David E. Eyler, USN Commanding Officer USS Montpelier (SSN 765) FPO AE 09578-2421

Dear Commander Eyler:

We would like to extend our appreciation for the truly outstanding submarine orientation ride provided by you, the officers, and crew of the USS Montpelier on October 23, 1997. It was a rare opportunity for us to experience the application of nuclear propulsion technology and to better understand the design criteria and exacting demands placed upon shipboard systems. We were also extremely impressed with the performance and professionalism of your crew. Our thanks to you and the crew for being such gracious hosts and for making our visit a very worthwhile, memorable experience.

Sincerely.

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