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Dear Admiral Flanagan:

From all the reports I have received, this year's Joint Civilian Orientation Conference (JCOC) was a tremendous success. This was due in no small part to the participation of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Your personal participation in hosting the JCOC added to the overall impression of command interest in the program and was appreciated by the 60 JCOC participants.

The welcome dinner on board the USS Nassau, and the outstanding tours on board the USS MITSCHER, USS JACKSONVILLE, and USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER left a lasting impression on the group, as did the COD flight and the once in a lifetime opportunity to observe flight operations aboard the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT. At each stop, participants repeatedly commented on the impressive caliber of sailors of all ranks. All of your commanders and their subordinates are to be heartily commended and thanked for a job well done. In particular, Rear Admiral (Sel) Ronald L. Christenson, Commanding Officer of the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT and (b)(6) Commanding Officer of the USS MITSCHER, should be singled out for their enthusiastic and, I'm told, truly memorable participation as hosts to the JCOC.

You have my deep appreciation for presenting such an outstanding presentation for the JCOC. Please pass along to the sailors of the Atlantic Fleet my heartiest congratulations and thanks for a job well done.

Sincerely,

William J. Perry



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