



Chief, Military Assistance Advisory Group
The Hague, Netherlands

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Dear Captain Windsor:

The remarks, both direct and indirect, and all other indications make it abundantly clear that the visit of Mr. P.J.S. de Jong, the Minister of Defense and VADM A.H.J. van der Schatte Olivier, the Chief of Naval Staff, to INDEPENDENCE on 23 and 24 October, was remarkably successful. The Chief of Naval Staff at dinner at my quarters Sunday evening to their SecNav and the others; and the Minister of Defense, during a telephone call on another subject on Monday morning, both indicated their enthusiasm, favorable impressions and sincere acknowledgement. This superb performance is even more remarkable when the short time is considered in which INDEPENDENCE had to gather the necessary information and make the arrangements for the visit.

Captain Holmes tells me that the Executive Officer, Captain Fowler, contributed greatly to the success of the visit by his personal attention during the tours and other arrangements; and also LCDR Ballew, Ordnance Officer, contributed significantly in making the visit an interesting one.

I have written to VADM Ellis and RADM Townsend to convey the highly favorable reactions I have obtained from here. Many congratulations to you, INDEPENDENCE and Air Wing Seven. Thank you very much; and finally, I hope the schedules get back on the track so that you may go home and see if you like it, for it seems to be an unduly infrequent privilege.

Sincerely,

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