

Letter from Admiral J. O. Richardson to Admiral H. R. Stark
(with enclosures) - 18 September 1940.

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U.S.S. ENTERPRISE, Flagship

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Honolulu, T. H.,
18 September 1940.



Dear Betty:

While the Secretary was on board the ENTERPRISE he said to me, "Admiral, will you come to Washington in early October while you are on the Pacific Coast?", I replied, "I can not come to Washington except under orders, but if Stark wants to see me I suppose I will be ordered."

Just before leaving Pearl Harbor the Secretary said, "Admiral, I will talk to Stark and it is possible that we may want you to come to Washington for a conference." I replied, "I will be glad to come any time I am wanted."

I do not know of any benefit to the Navy that would accrue from my coming to Washington as I fully and frankly expressed my views to the Secretary on all points where I felt that such expression might help the Navy or the Nation. I also gave him a memorandum which covered the more important points discussed with him. Nevertheless, if you or the Secretary want me to come I will be pleased to do so.

During the past six months the Fleet has been visited by two Secretaries. During the last visit the Secretary made a most favorable impression upon the officers and men of the Fleet and I have frequently heard officers say, "I hope that Colonel Knox remains as Secretary regardless of the outcome of the election."

In the Fleet we did all we could to show both Secretaries what we are, what we are doing, and what we are thinking. Regardless of whether we made a good impression on the Secretary I believe that it would have boosted our spirits a bit if, upon his departure, he had sent a dispatch to the Fleet in these waters or to Cincus expressing some appreciation of our efforts to show our wares or approbation of our endeavors to maintain an efficient Fleet. Personally I feel that the Fleet made a good impression, and that a dispatch would have been sent had the Secretary been accompanied by a competent aide.

Please tell Nimitz that his letter of 30 August regarding six-year enlistments was delivered to me by the Secretary's Aide on Monday afternoon a few minutes before the Secretary left the ENTERPRISE and after I had completed my serious talks with the Secretary.

With kindest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. O. Richardson

J. O. RICHARDSON

Admiral H. R. Stark, U. S. Navy,
Chief of Naval Operations,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

P. S. As far as I know I have nothing to take up with the

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Department that can not be handled by correspondence but
if I am wanted in Washington I am ready to come on arrival
at San Pedro.

/s/ JOR

Defense Note: PS above in "handwriting."

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J. O. RICHARDSON 大將より H. R. STARKE 大將宛書翰（同封
物あり）一九四〇年（昭和十五年）九月十八日

合衆國陸軍

合衆國真壁エンターブライズ號

航空便 緹展 緩秘

ハワイ、ホノルル（一九四〇年（昭和十五年）九月十八日

ペテイ環

長官がエンターブライズ號にお出の節「大將、太平洋岸に居られる間
に十月始めにワシントンへ来てもらえますか」ご私に聞いたので私は
「命令に依る以外はワシントンへ行く事は出来ませんが若しスターク
が私に會ひたいなら私は命令を受けるだらうと思ひます」と^答ました
眞珠湾を出港する直前に長官は「大將、スターク氏に話して置きま
せう。そして會談の爲我々は貴方にワシントンへ来て頂く事にす



も知れません」云つたので私は「御用なら何時でも喜んで参ります」と答へました

海軍或は國家に対する援助になるかも知れないと思つた總ての點に關して私は充分に且つ率直に自分の意見を長官に述べて置きましたから私がワシントンへ行く事に依つて海軍に何の利益があるか分りませんまた私は彼と論じた比較的重要性な諸點を網羅した覚書を彼に渡しました。それにも拘らず若し貴方が長官かが私に来てほしいなら喜んで参ります。

過去六ヶ月間に緑隊は二人の長官の訪問を受けました最近の訪問中に長官は緑隊の將兵に非常に好ましい印象を與へましたそして將校達が「選舉の結果如何に拘らずノック陸軍大佐が長官として留任される事を希望する」と云ふのを暫々聞いた事があります

緑隊では私達は自分達がどんな人間であるか何をしてゐるか、何を考へてあるかを兩長官に示す等に全力を盡くしました。我々が長官に

よい印象を與へたかどうかは別として若し長官が出立際し此の邊に於ける艦に或は司令長官に打電して手持品を差せようとする我々の努力に對する感謝或は精銳艦隊を保持する我々の努力に對する讃美を表してくれたならばその事は我々の精神を少し昂揚させたであらうと信じます私個人としては我が艦隊は良い印象を與へたと思ひます

そして若し長官が有能な副官を從へてゐたならば電報を打つてくれたであらうと思ひます

八月三日附、六ヶ年兵籍登録に關するニミツツの手紙は月曜日の午後長官がエンターブライスを立ち去る数分前私が長官と重要な會議を遂げた後に長官の副官が私に届けて呉れた事をニミツツに傳へて下さ

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コロムビア地区ワシントン市海軍省、合衆國海軍、海軍作戦部長
H. R. スターリ海軍大將

追伸 私の知つてゐる限りでは海軍省の事で手紙處理出来ない事は何
もありませんがワシントンへ出頭せよこの事ならサンピドロに到着の
際に出かけられます

署名 (J. O. R.)

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