

Arleigh Burke's LETTER TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS



18 February 1959

My dear Mr. President:

My deepest appreciation for the bottle of Chivas Regal. Your thoughtfulness and kindness in sending it to me will remain in my memory for a long time to come. It is my exceedingly good fortune to be able to accept it on behalf of the many capable and loyal Navy people who have contributed to the Vanguard program. This latest success is a deserved reward for all those whose patience and resourcefulness have been so sorely tested.

In keeping with your thoughtful suggestion that I take a day off for relaxation and enjoyment of this superb gift, I have done just that. This day, free of the Pentagon turmoil will give me a needed rest, allow me to devote objective thought to some of our problems — and above all permit me to extract maximum enjoyment from this wonderful scotch. -- It is very tasty indeed. (Excuse me while I pour myself another one).

Your suggestion was a wonderful thing. As I sit here sipping this marvelous stimulant, all the problems of the Navy seem to take on a clearer perspective. It is difficult to express my true feeling of gratitude for this superb Scotch. It's real good. Thanks alot.

We have a lot of problems ahead but our programs are sound. Our Navy has a tremendous job to do and we'll doer by golly. We could sure use

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a few more submarines, our carriers are gettin
old and we ain't got enough of them; we need
more aircraft; clozin up some bases is making
a lotta people awful dam mad. And people, boy,
oh boy, live boddies are skarsce. Sure could use
a few bucks fer general expenses to.

Shanks again fer the bug juice. Besh damed
burobon I ever had. Shur is good shtuff. Jus like
mipappy uset tom ake. Shur do tank-yu fur shis jug
an tha day off. Itch bout tyme I adda day off to
do sum cleer serius thimpking. Shur haz hellpt.
Everthig ish cleer as can be now. Mush quit now
an fine anodder bodel odish delic iucius boos.

Very respectfully,

ARLEIGH BURKE

The President
White House

President EISENHOWER's LETTER TO ADMIRAL BURKE

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 25, 1959

Dear Arleigh:

Your letter of the eighteenth gave me a needed chuckle. The reflected mileage from one, repeat one, bottle was tremendous!

With warm regard,

As ever,

JE

Admiral Arleigh A. Burke
Chief of Naval Operations
Washington 25, D. C.

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