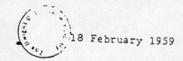
Arleigh Burke's LETTER TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS



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 feelig of grabitude for this suberb Scoch. It's real good. Thanks alot.

We have a lot of problems ahed but owr programms are sound. Our Navy has a tremenous job to do and we'll doer by golly. We could sure use

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a few more submarines, our carriershare gettin old and we ain't got enough of thim; we need more aerocraft; clozin up some bases is making a lotta peeple awful dam mad. And people, boy, oh boy, live boddies are skarsce. Sure coud use a few bucksfer generel expensees to.

Shanks again ferthe bug juice. Besh damed burobon lever had. Shuris good shtuff. Jus like mipappy uset tom ake. Shurdo tank yu fur shis jug an tha dayoff. Itch bout tyme I adda day off to do sum cleer serius thimpking. Shur haz hellpt. Everthig ish cleer as cannbe now. Mush quitnow an fine anodder bodel odish delic iuocius boos.

Very respectfully,

ARLEICH BURKE

The President White House

President EISENHOWER's LETTER TO ADMMIRAL BURKE

