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U.S.S. NATHAN HALE (SSB(N) 623)

c/o Supervisor of Shipbuilding, USN
Groton, Connecticut

At Sea
North Atlantic
14 October 1963

Dear Senator Bennett:

We have just successfully completed the first sea trials of the USS NATHAN HALE. The NATHAN HALE is our fourteenth Polaris type nuclear submarine; with this submarine we will have the capability of launching 22¹/₂ missiles from hidden, mobile platforms.

The NATHAN HALE was built by the Electric Boat Company at Groton, Connecticut.

We also have in operation eighteen attack type nuclear submarines, making a total of thirty-two. When all nuclear submarines in programs authorized by Congress are approved, the United States will have forty-one Polaris and forty-seven attack submarines.

Respectfully,


H. G. Rickover

The Honorable Wallace F. Bennett
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.



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