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PERSONAL

Dear Admiral Furlong:

Following the receipt of the very interesting material you sent me, I have given some thought to your suggestions concerning the design of the flag of the United States when the number of States in the Union is increased.

Although some of the urgency has been removed by virtue of the imminent recess of Congress, I believe the Administration should continue to develop an appropriate manner for redesigning the flag. A specific suggestion, in addition to yours, has been made that a committee be appointed, composed of four Members of Congress, three representatives of the Armed Services, and one representative each from the Department of State, the Interior Department, and the Commission of Fine Arts. This would at first glance seem desirable for it would preserve the traditional interest of the Armed Services as well as provide a voice for the many other groups of Americans who are deeply interested.

I greatly appreciate the interest you have taken and particularly your helpfulness in collecting this material.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

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