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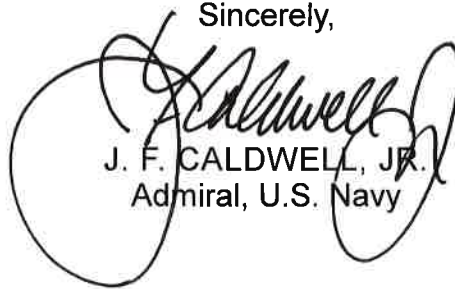
Kevin
Dear Mr. Graney,

I recently returned from sea trials on submarine PCU VERMONT (SSN 792), our nineteenth VIRGINIA-Class submarine. I am pleased to report that VERMONT and her crew completed this initial testing at sea, and it was a complete success. We tested the submarine's full speed and maneuvering capabilities, both surfaced and submerged, and conducted her first dive to maximum operating depth. The ship's crew performed flawlessly, and the reactor plant performed exactly as designed.

On any given day, there are approximately 60 highly lethal U.S. Navy ships underway on deployment and 30 more conducting local operations, making our Navy Team the most formidable force in the world. VERMONT will be the most sophisticated, most capable, and most versatile warship of her kind, and she will soon become an integral part of our Fleet.

In this age of near-peer and rising adversaries, America is safe because our submarine fleet is underway, undetected, and unmatched. Many countries would like to emulate our high-end submarine construction program. The leadership, perseverance, and talent needed to efficiently design, build, test, and deliver VERMONT to the U.S. Navy is enormous; your contribution helps keep us the world's finest Navy! Thank you for your outstanding efforts in this "no fail" mission defending our country.

Sincerely,



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Congratulations to the EB Team!
VERMONT is a GREAT Boat.

