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MEMO FOR RECORD

Admiral Stockdale called me this morning. He asked that Colonel Nicholson, myself, and others provide suggestions as to matters concerning the history, traditions, the academic goals, the disciplined environment, and any in depth matters which he might include in his commencement address. He is looking for significant matters of interest to the people of The Citadel including the alumni, the guests, the graduating class and the corps. He asked that we provide him with any books or documents which might also provide him with a feel for this institution, the local area, the state and our contributions to society.

He stated that an Associated Press wire service story prepared prior to the announcement of his new position but updated since the announcement would be in the papers this coming Sunday or Monday.

He has a gentleman's agreement with CNO to give six months notice but this may be shaded to the extent he can be relieved at Newport on 22 August (convocation day) and arrive at The Citadel on or about 1 September. During the intervening time he will have to appear before disability boards and he plans to fulfill a commitment to attend a high level management institute at Aspen, Colorado during August on a grant from a foundation.

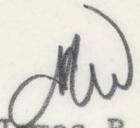
He discussed with me his intention to teach an elective course in ethics and morality perhaps somewhat similar to what he has been teaching at the Navy War College. I indicated that this had been previously indicated by the Chairman of the Board and that the faculty and staff here were excited about the prospect of his doing that. He asked if The Citadel could support some outside assistance in this area to include visiting or adjunct professors. I indicated that we do have sources of available funds for guest lecturers and seminars and that I was sure that The Citadel could support him in doing what was needed.

I asked him about his honorary degree from The Citadel and we discussed doctor of laws, doctor of humanities and doctor of military science. He indicated his preference for doctor of laws.

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He asked as to the uniform in which he should appear for commencement, e.g., full dress with medals and sword, full dress with medals without sword, etc. I told him that for the past four years our graduation speaker had worn academic regalia but that I would discuss the matter with General Anderson. I got the impression that the Admiral would like to appear in full dress uniform with medals including the Medal of Honor but without sword, but will bow to the desires of the college.

I informed him that we will have billets for him and Mrs. Stockdale in Mark Clark Hall at commencement time. He has a speaking engagement the evening of 11 May and will have to see if air schedules will permit him to carry through with that and still arrive in time for our commencement. If not he will cancel the other engagement. I offered him the opportunity to use charter air - he said he'd consider it.


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