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Senator Paul Tsongas
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Dear Paul:

I enclose your last chapter, as revised (and retitled) by me.

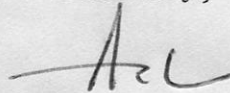
I've tried to do a number of things--among them, cutting out repetition, sharpening your argument, and refocusing it somewhat so that it seems more directed to the general reader than the politician. If you see ways to go further with the latter, I would encourage you to do so.

Also, and I suppose it is an arrow through your heart, I have cut out entirely the keel metaphor. As I said last week, I think that the waterfall is metaphor enough, and that to bring up another one in the final chapter will be distracting to the reader, and a bit inflated.

You'll also note that I have come up with two or three new thoughts which I hope fit with your argument. But please don't hesitate to remove them if they make you feel uncomfortable. Also, don't accept my general changes if I have done violence to the book.

I apologize for the typewriter I had to use. If I could have it back by April 27th (or earlier), it would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,



Ashbel Green

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