



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

April 2, 2009

Dear Mr. Courtney:

Thank you for your kind letter regarding preservation of NR-1. The Navy shares your desire to preserve NR-1's storied legacy.

As you know, the Navy is preparing NR-1's reactor compartment for disposal in 2015; however, additional funds will be required to prepare, ship, and display NR-1 as an exhibit. The display plans and funding details will need to be completed before we can finalize planning for removing the reactor compartment. In the meantime, we will maintain NR-1 as intact as possible and no equipment will be removed except as required for emergent situations and to conduct the inactivation. We will continue to work with the Submarine Force Museum to provide information and artifacts to the best of our ability. I am pleased to report that NAVSEA Submarine Program Office, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and the Curator of the Submarine Force Museum are making final delivery arrangements for transfer of NR-1's sail and rudder to the Submarine Force Museum.

Again, thank you for your kind letter. I appreciate your continued support to our Navy and Nation. If there is anything I can do, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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