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To: Chief of Naval Personnel

Subj: Richard L. ARMITAGE, GS-12, Defense Attache Office,
Saigon, Republic of Vietnam; recommendation for
recall to active duty

1. During the period of March 1972 through July 1973 I served in the Republic of Vietnam, first as Force Intelligence Officer, COMNAVFORV; later as Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, COMNAVFORV; and finally, following the cease fire in April 1973, as U.S. Naval Attache.
2. For approximately the last six months of this tour I worked closely with Mr. Richard ARMITAGE on a wide variety of intelligence and operational missions. I was also aware of his capabilities and background throughout most of my tour, through written reports and interviews with Vietnamese and U.S. officials.
3. Mr. ARMITAGE is a dynamic, enthusiastic and highly capable person, completely at home in a military environment. He carried out numerous difficult and dangerous missions with great expertise and success. He was particularly effective in liaison roles with the Vietnamese Armed Forces. His mastery of the Vietnamese language and his rapport with the Vietnamese made him indispensable in determining which Vietnamese naval bases could be counted upon to perform satisfactorily following the withdrawal of all U.S. advisory and technical support.
4. Mr. ARMITAGE made a very important contribution to the U.S. effort in Vietnam. He possesses great potential for development as a naval officer and is highly recommended for recall to active duty and for a change in designator to 1630.

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