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USS STURGEON (SSN 637)

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At Sea
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Dear Mr. Ryan:

We are returning from the first sea trials of the USS STURGEON (SSN 637), our twenty-sixth attack type submarine. The ship completed all tests, including full power operation, both surface and submerged.

The STURGEON was built by the Electric Boat Division of the General Dynamics Corporation, Groton, Connecticut.

This is the third United States submarine of this name. The first, SS 25, was commissioned 15 February 1912 and decommissioned 20 October 1921. The second, SS 187, commissioned 25 June 1938 and stricken from the Naval Register in 1946, won ten battle stars during eleven war patrols in World War II. She was responsible for sinking nine Japanese ships for a total of 41,350 tons.

In addition to the twenty-six attack nuclear submarines, we also have forty Polaris type submarines, making a total of sixty-six nuclear submarines in operation. When all nuclear submarines presently authorized by Congress are completed, the United States will have a nuclear submarine fleet of forty-one Polaris and sixty-two attack submarines, and a small submarine capable of exploring the ocean bottom.

Respectfully,


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The Honorable William F. Ryan
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