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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on LTJG John F. KERRY, [REDACTED], USN ltr request of 21 Nov 1969

From: Commander, Military Sea Transportation Service, Atlantic  
To: Chief of Naval Personnel

Subj: Early Release from Active Duty; request for

1. Forwarded, strongly recommending approval.
2. LT(jg) KERRY is my Aide and Flag Lieutenant and his outstanding attributes as a naval officer and gentleman are personally known to me. He has made an exemplary record while serving his country ashore and afloat. This has been well documented officially. It is my opinion that both the country and the Navy will be better served if he gains the office he seeks. I strongly urge that his request for early release be given every consideration.
3. I am agreeable to having LT(jg) Thomas VAN STRYDONCK, presently assigned as Director, Military Personnel, detailed as Aide and Flag Lieutenant and the billet of Director, Military Personnel gapped as necessary in order to expedite LT(jg) KERRY's request.

*Walter F. Schleich, Jr.*

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on Ensign John F. KERRY, USNR, [REDACTED] ltr of  
10 FEB 1968

From: Commanding Officer, USS GRIDLEY (DLG-21)  
To: Chief of Naval Personnel (Pers-B14)

Subj: Vietnam Duty; request for

1. Forwarded, strongly recommending approval.

2. Ensign KERRY is an outstanding officer whose every effort in his nine months in USS GRIDLEY has been characterized by success and a high degree of professionalism. He is a highly talented, polished and professional naval officer who achieves uniformly top grade results. He has served as Electrical Officer and Public Affairs Officer in his first half year on board and two months ago assumed the challenging duties of First Lieutenant, although very junior for this assignment. His accomplishments in the latter billet have been spectacular. He has trained, led, and genuinely inspired his division to produce results which seemed earlier to be beyond their capability.

3. Highly intelligent, well-read and skilled at oral and written expression, Ensign KERRY is one of the brightest, most capable, young officers I have ever had the pleasure of observing. Meticulous in attention to detail, he is a sound administrator and a natural, highly effective leader.

4. This officer has a sound background in seamanship and boat handling gained through considerable small boat experience prior to his appointment in the Navy. I have personal knowledge of his great motivation for this assignment and every confidence in his ability to excel in it.

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