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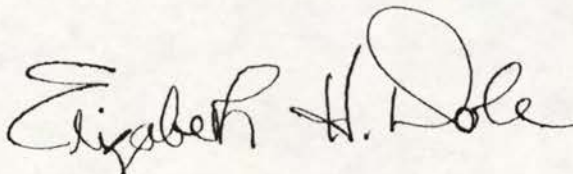
MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

Greetings to the Reserve Officers Association:

As head of a branch of the armed services, the U.S. Coast Guard, I am sensitive to the critical role the reserve plays in our national defense. Our Coast Guard reserves are dedicated, highly motivated men and women who are ready to serve their country and I assure you that their devotion to this nation is deeply appreciated.

I am very aware of the Reserved Officers Association of the United States' continuing pursuit of the goals set forth in its Congressional charter: "To promote the development and execution of a military policy for the United States that will provide adequate national security." The participation of the U.S. Coast Guard reservist is integral to the success of our national security program.

With all best wishes,


Elizabeth Hanford Dole