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Mr. Richard Whitehead
Daily Mail
Northcliffe House
London, E. C. 4

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to your recent inquiry concerning the naval service of former Lieutenant Lafayette R. Hubbard, U. S. Naval Reserve.

The personnel records of members or former members of the naval service are deemed confidential for good cause found, and access to information in them is restricted to the officers or former officers concerned, to their duly authorized representatives so designated in writing, to government agencies when the release of information is considered to be in the best interest of the government, or to a court of competent jurisdiction upon presentation of a properly authenticated court order to the Secretary of the Navy.

It is regretted that a more favorable reply may not be made at this time.

By direction of Chief of Naval Personnel:

Sincerely yours,

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Head
Correspondence & Services Branch

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