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SUITE 650
WASHINGTON, DC 20001

ATTN: BRIAN LAMB

DEAR MR. LAMB -

DURING BOOKNOTES ON 13 JAN, YOU ASKED ROBERT FER-
RELL, AUTHOR OF "THE STRANGE DEATHS OF PRESIDENT
HARDING", WHO JOEL BOONE WAS.

HE WAS MUCH MORE THAN WHITE HOUSE PHYSICIAN, PER
THE BRIEF BIOGRAPHY ENCLOSED.

I ENJOY C-SPAN VERY MUCH AND AM A REGULAR
VIEWER.

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instructor at Annapolis August 1926-June 1929. Commanding officer of the *Panama* 1931-1932. Duty in the office of the chief of naval operations May 1942 then at Naval Air Station Moffett Field 1942-1943. Commander of Naval Base Espiritu Santo February 1943-March 1944. Commodore in January 1944. Commander of Naval Base Manus, Admiralty Islands 1944-1945 then Naval Repair Base San Diego July-September 1945. Retired in November 1947. Decorations included the Legion of Merit. Died on March 31, 1956.

Bogan, Gerald Francis (1894-1973) Born on July 27, 1894, in Mackinac Island, Michigan. Commissioned from Annapolis in 1916. Served aboard the *Birmingham* on convoy duty 1917-1918. Instructor at Annapolis 1923-1924. Designated a naval aviator in 1925. Navigator, then executive officer of the *Yorktown* 1933-1940. Commanding officer of Naval Air Station Miami 1940-1942. Commanding officer of the *Saratoga* October 1942-June 1943. Rear admiral in December 1942. Commander of Naval Air, Tenth Fleet June-October 1943, Fleet Air Norfolk October 1943-January 1944, Carrier Divisions 25, 11 and 4 1944-1945. Assignments after the war included commander of Air Force, Atlantic Fleet 1946-1948. Retired as vice admiral in February 1950. Decorations included the Navy Cross, two Distinguished Service Medals and the Legion of Merit. Died on June 8, 1973.

Boone, Joel Thompson (1889-1974) Born in St. Clair, Pennsylvania, on August 29, 1889. M.D. from Hahnemann Medical College in 1913. Commissioned in the Naval Reserve Medical Corps in April 1914. Served with a Marine battalion in Haiti 1915-1916. With the 6th Marine Regiment in France 1917-1919. Awarded the Medal of Honor at Vierzy on July 19, 1918. Medical officer aboard the presidential yacht *Mayflower*, then physician to the White House 1922-1933. Aboard the *Saratoga*, then the *Argonne* 1938-1940. Senior medical officer at San Diego Naval Air Station 1940-1943. Commander of the naval hospital in Seattle 1943-1945. Commodore in March 1945. Fleet medical officer of the Third Fleet 1945-1946. Assignments after the war included inspector general of the Naval Medical Bureau March 1950 until retirement in November 1950 as vice admiral. Decorations included the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, five Silver Stars, the Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts. Died on April 2, 1974.

Bottom, John Thomas Jr. (1899-1983) Born on May 16, 1899, in Denver, Colorado. Commissioned from Annapolis in 1920. Commanding officer of the *Gridley* then the *Salinas* 1938-1941. Graduated from the Naval War College in 1941. Duty in the office of chief of naval operations 1941-1942. Staff officer with Commander in Chief United States Fleet 1942-1943. Commander of Destroyer Squadron 48 July 1943-September 1944. Staff officer with Commander Destroyers, Pacific Fleet 1944-1945. Commodore in April 1945. Commander of Task Flotilla One attached to Destroyers, Pacific Fleet May 1945-March 1946. Retired as rear admiral in July 1949. Decorations included the Silver Star and Bronze Star. Died on October 9, 1983.

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