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Dear Mr. Lamb,

With V-J Day coming up and knowing how you are a book lover I am having the publisher of my book [redacted] sent to you. I think it has one of the best eye accounts of the historic day of the signing of the surrender of Japan on the U.S.S. Missouri.

I have long been an admirer of yours and believe C-Span to be the single reason for the political revolution we are seeing today. I wrote to President Bush shortly before he went out of office and asked him to give you the highest civilian award for your great service to our country.

My husband will be one of the main speakers Sept 2nd on the Missouri at [redacted] It is sort of full circle for our family as my husband lost his leg at Pearl Harbor and my father was at the Surrender.

I think my book is quite interesting besides because it is full of the problems we face today. Things haven't changed that much.

I am enclosing a flyer that gives you an idea of what the book is about. Thank you again for your remarkable service to our country.  
Sincerely [redacted]



September 2nd, VJ-Day will be the 50th Anniversary of Victory in the Pacific. There will be big celebrations in both Hawaii and at Bremerton, Washington on the U.S.S. Missouri where the signing of the surrender of Japan took place 50 years ago.

[redacted] was Chief of Staff to Admiral Halsey and was present that historic day on the Missouri. At the time, he wrote a minute by minute account of the day--General MacArthur's arrival, the expressions of the Japanese emissaries, the breathtaking fly over at the ceremony. His account was published in the Naval Institute "Proceedings" in 1985, and is reprinted with the book of his story.

He designed and administered the entering of Japan and in his oral history describes the incredible experiences of the occupation--the freeing of the abused and tortured prisoners, the demeanor of the Japanese people.

Admiral [redacted] did a 900 page oral history for Columbia University of his life and his naval career. It goes from World War I when he was the gunnery officer of the U.S.S. Fanning that sank the German U Boat, the U 58, taking prisoners, through World War II when he was skipper of the U.S.S. Denver that sank two Japanese destroyers. After which he became Chief of Staff to Admiral [redacted] for the duration of the war.

After the war in his oral history he describes setting up NATO in the Mediterranean under General Eisenhower with six countries under his command.

The success of Southern NATO caused Congressman Mendel Rivers to write to his friend Gordon Gray, "I used to be skeptical of NATO but I think it has real possibilities. Assisting Ridgway and Gruenther are Lauris Norstad of NATO Air Forces and Admiral [redacted] who heads everything in Southern Europe. [redacted] is the most brilliant naval officer of his generation."

Because of the success of Southern NATO, President Eisenhower tapped Admiral [redacted] to be Chief of Naval Operations.

The book, [redacted] by his daughter, [redacted] is based on her father's oral history. It can be purchased from the Sunflower University Press, [redacted] Manhattan, KS 66502-4228, or by ordering at [redacted] The price is \$27.95 with a \$2.50 mailing charge.