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Dear Mr. Clark:

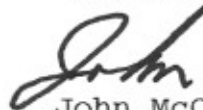
Thank you for your e-mail of January 5, 1997, regarding the Mayaguez memorial. I was happy to hear from a veteran of the Mayaguez fight, and I was particularly grateful for the kind words in your note.

It was a great honor to be invited by Ambassador Kenneth Quinn to participate in the commemoration of the Mayaguez memorial in Phnom Penh last November. As you were not able to attend that ceremony, I have enclosed a copy of my remarks. After all, the memorial belongs to you and the other Marines who survived the fight, as well as those who were lost.

I am glad you survived your one combat situation in Cambodia, as well as your more recent encounter with a sniper. I hope the guardian angel to whom you refer sticks with the job.

Thank you again for writing, and please feel free to contact me again.

Sincerely,



John McCain
United States Senator

Enclosure: as stated

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