The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL to

VICE ADMIRAL WILLIAM P. MACK 078633/1100
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For exceptionally meritorious service to the Government of the United
States in a duty of great responsibility as Deputy Assistant Secretary of

This was a period of unusual pressures and demands in the manpower
area. The war in Southeast Asia, the threats of war elsewhere, substantial
cuts in the Defense budget, and widespread anti-military feeling com-
pounded the ordinary challenges of this position. Vice Admiral Mack ad-
tressed these extraordinary challenges with a broad knowledge of Defense
matters, a rare objectivity and analytical skill, and an ability to reduce
complex problems to understandable terms.

One area of exceptional accomplishment deserves special comment.
Vice Admiral Mack was Chairman of a Department of Defense Task Group
charged with examining Defense policies and programs pertaining to drug
abuse with the view of recommending necessary reforms. The recommend-
dations of this Task Group led to important improvements and increased
emphasis of the Department of Defense program of drug control. He is an
acknowledged leader among those in our nation who are bringing drug abuse
under control.

Vice Admiral Mack served all Military Departments without discrim-
ination, equally and exceedingly well. His integrity and instinct for always
doing the right thing is a hallmark well known to those privileged to work
with him.

Vice Admiral Mack's exceptional leadership abilities, integrity, ob-
jectivity, and dedication reflected great credit upon himself and the Depart-
ment of Defense, and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the
United States Naval Service.

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For the President,

Secretary of the Navy