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The Honorable Congressman
Mr. Frederic Coudert, Jr.
The House Office Building
Washington, D.C..

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Dear Sir:-

As one who voted for you and has complete confidence in you integrity, I'm writing to ask you to take an immediate active interest in the pending army court martial on June 25th of Col. John C. Nickerson, Jr.. Mine is a personal interest only insofar as it concerns the U.S. defense program,...and our need for first class officers.

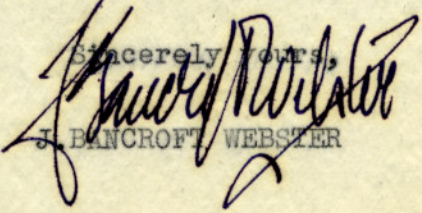
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When I noted the recent press reports on the Nickerson case I instantly remembered Col. Nickerson. I served under him for 6 months in '41. My opinion of him then and now is the same. He's the one officer, above all others, whom I respected and admired for his integrity, drive, and leadership. His record of service, technical training, qualifications, devotion to duty, and the recent success of his Jupiter missile program only serve to bear out my continuing confidence in him.

There are damn few officers who can measure up to Nickerson's accomplishments or to the potential he can still contribute to our defense program. The fact that his absorbing interest in the missile program has led him into some hot water is all the more credit to him and the army he has so ably served. Too few officers have too little guts to follow through with the strength of their own convictions,...particularly when such a course imperils their own future. Nickerson is a rare exception, and, while he may have breached the rules of discipline, his accomplishments for the U.S. defense system far outweigh this transgression.

I earnestly request that you dig into the facts of this case and evaluate Nickerson's accomplishments and excellent record vs. his present difficulty. Then use whatever influence you can to see that this excellent officer doesn't get sacked, that he is restored to his command, and that we can continue to use his unstinting services to further our defense program.

Sincerely yours,


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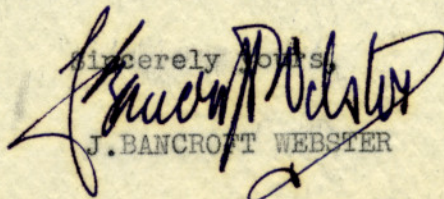
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My request is very simple. Please dig into the facts of this case. Evaluate Nickerson's accomplishments vs. his present difficulty. Then use whatever influence you can to see that this first class officer doesn't get sacked, that he is restored to his command, and that we can continue to use his unstinting services to further our defense program.

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Secretary of The Army
Mr. Wilber M. Brucker
Pentagon Building,
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Dear Sir:-

I'm writing to enlist your close attention to the pending court martial of Col. John C. Nickerson, Jr.,...and pointing out certain facts that I believe are most pertinent.

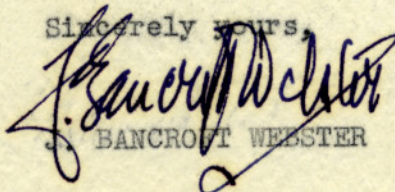
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Mr. Secretary, you have my story. I ask your indulgence,...that Col. Nickerson be given a thorough evaluation by yourself and your staff, ...so that we may continue to benefit by his whole-hearted service and the potential of his future contributions to our defense program.

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