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Dear Mr. Clark,

This is in response to your letter of April 14, 2010 notifying the Foundation that you have removed ex-FORREST SHERMAN (DD-931) from donation hold and that the Navy intends to scrap the vessel. This action is in clear violation of Public Law 109-163, Section 1015, enacted by the Congress as part of the FY06 National Defense Authorization Act. The clear purpose of this Act was to give the Foundation a period of five years to locate a suitable location, and berth, for the ship. This process is still ongoing.

The contention that the Foundation has failed to locate such a location is simply not true. We have constantly kept your office up to date as to the many attempts we have made to locate the ship in a proper berth. We informed you of the interest by the City of Wilmington, Delaware to have the ship become a part of the Riverfront Development project. We further informed you of the meetings that we had scheduled with officials of the city, and, at your request, gave you the name and phone number of the contact designated by the Mayor as the preliminary point of contact. In addition Congressman Castle, in his letter dated November 16, 2009, notified Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus of Wilmington's interest in locating the ship on the Christina River. I know that you received a copy of this letter. The City has been operating under the assumption that Public Law 109-163, Section 1015, gives them until the end of this year to submit an application for donation.

Your contention that ex-FORREST SHERMAN (DD-931) has a deteriorating material condition which poses a danger to the environment is also untrue. Several years ago the Foundation had a complete engineering survey of the ship done by Ocean Technical Services that indicated that the ship was in very good condition. Further inspections after that survey have found no change in the condition of the ship that your office was

