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Dear Sir:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the communications assistance you provided to Joint Rescue Coordination Center (JRCC) Honolulu from 25-27 June 2004 in coordinating the medical evacuation of two people from the S/V FINGOLFIN located 625 nautical miles north of Nuku Hiva. In this case, the S/V FINGOLFIN had limited communications capability on single sideband radio and the U. S. Coast Guard was unable to establish direct communications with the vessel. Upon request from JRCC Honolulu, you agreed to serve as a communications point of contact and sought to contact the vessel via every possible means. In addition to talking to the vessel directly, you were able to establish relays with radio operators in Queensland, Australia, San Francisco, California as well as with numerous ships throughout the Pacific Ocean.

Your valiant efforts enabled the U. S. Coast Guard to obtain key medical and logistical information from the S/V FINGOLFIN and then respond with a French Navy Patrol Boat from Tahiti. Your efforts and skills in radio communications directly resulted in the safe rescue of two personnel.

I applaud you for your noteworthy, unselfish devotion and commitment to aiding others in distress. Your actions uphold the highest principles and traditions of humanitarian service and of the U. S. Coast Guard.

Sincerely,

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C. D. WURSTER
Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District

Dear Admiral Wurster:

It was my pleasure to assist. I thank you for your very kind words.

I wish to call your attention to First Officer Cursio (Sp ?) and Lt. Kimura for their extreme patience and professional demeanor. It was an honor to work with them as well as the French RCC.

I have a unique listening post at 1200' above average terrain and I remain at your service whenever needed by my Coast Guard.

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