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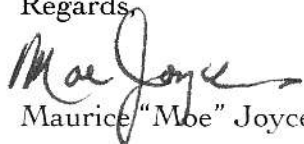
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Mr. Lennon:

I am pleased and proud as a former Commanding Officer of USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) to join Admiral Tuttle in endorsing acquisition of "Big John" by the Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame. For a multitude of reasons clearly put forward in your June 21 letter to Admiral Tuttle, Rhode Island is the ideal choice for the ship's future location, and Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame has the organization and vision to bring JFK to life again in a new future role that will serve the Navy and our country best.

It is my sincere hope that the Navy moves quickly to eliminate any obstacles to the transfer of JFK to Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame. These great ships do not endure inattention gracefully, and JFK has suffered the Navy's neglect more than most. A speedy decision and transfer from the Navy to the Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame is in the best interest of continuing the storied legacy of this great ship for future generations. Godspeed in your endeavor.

Regards,


Maurice "Moe" Joyce