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LETTER TO CRISTOL FROM ADMIRAL ISAAC C. KIDD, JR. USN (Ret)

In a declaration dated January 9, 2004, Ward Boston claims Admiral Kidd:

- 1) told Boston he was ordered to falsify the U.S. Navy Court of Inquiry Report
- 2) accused Cristol of being an Israeli agent
- 3) never spoke of Cristol except in disparaging terms.

The handwritten letter from Admiral Isaac C. Kidd Jr. to A. Jay Cristol dated August 3, 1991 and the inscription to A. Jay Cristol on his picture suggest that Ward Boston has either a faulty memory or a vivid imagination.

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3 August, 1991

Dear Judge Cristol;

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[signature of Admiral I.C. Kidd]

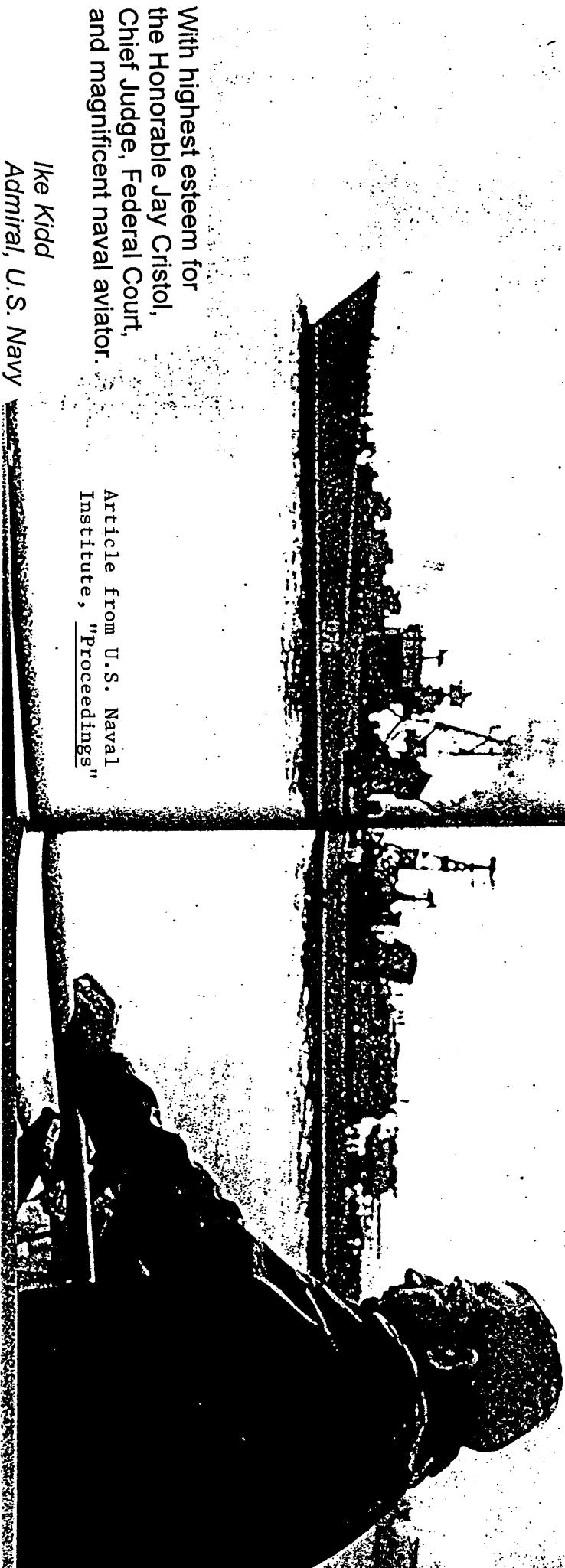
View From the Bridge of the Sixth Fleet Flagship

By Admiral Isaac C. Kidd, Jr., U. S. Navy

*With highest regard for
The Honorable Jay Cristol
Chief Judge, Federal Court
Naval Aviator*

*Admiral
Isaac C. Kidd
U.S. Navy*

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the Honorable Jay Cristol,
Chief Judge, Federal Court,
and magnificent naval aviator.

Ike Kidd
Admiral, U.S. Navy

Article from U.S. Naval
Institute, "Proceedings"

A new chapter in the textbook on naval tactics is being written in the Mediterranean today. Departure from traditional doctrines of naval employment occurs daily. The Mediterranean has seen the first signs of new naval tactics in the missile age. The Jordanian crisis in September 1970 proved that no longer may naval task forces expect to group in classical manner, search out the enemy, and engage. On that occasion, Sixth Fleet and Soviet Mediterranean Fleet units were interperped at times.

The growing Soviet naval strength in this area has caused many to question the capability of the U. S. Sixth Fleet to perform its stated mission of helping to maintain peace and stability on NATO's southern front. The fact is that under existing pressures, we are walking a tightrope of adequacy; at some points, the rope is beginning to fray. Our still formidable fleet is being forced to accommodate to a new environment far different from the one which it dominated for almost a quarter century. The change has come about chiefly through design but also somewhat as a result of neglect. The designing influence is the Soviet Navy and its Mediterranean Fleet, which gives ever more convincing evidence of its growing capability and professionalism. Generally, it is a "have" fleet. It has new ships, modern weapons systems, well-trained and highly