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Dear President,

I have read the
letter of Admiral Porter to the
late Secretary of the Navy.
(Mr. Welles), I have also read
the explanation or defence of
Admiral Porter, and I most
earnestly recommend you to
send to the Senate the name
of some other person for
Admiral. I have no
ill feeling against Porter,
and before this, had no prejudice.
But he is not the right man
for so great distinction, and
he is already filling a higher
grade in the Navy, than his
merits entitle him to.

Faithfully your friend

U.S. Grant
President

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