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APPOINTMENT AS RESERVE OFFICER IN UNITED STATES NAVY

From: The Chief of Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy
To: John Forbes KERRY, OCEAN, USNR
Naval Officer Candidate School
Naval Base
Newport, Rhode Island
Via: Commanding Officer
Subject: Appointment to Commissioned Grade as a Reserve Officer in the United States Navy
Enclosure: Commission

1. The President having appointed you a Reserve Officer in the United States Navy, the Chief of Naval Personnel takes pleasure in transmitting herewith your appointment. Effective on the date of your acceptance of appointment if accepted in sufficient time to report in compliance with orders, if earlier or **16 February 1967** whichever is earlier, your status is:

Grade: Ensign, [REDACTED] USNR

Date of Rank: **16 December 1966**

Advance Copy:

Enlisted Number: [REDACTED]

ACTIVE DUTY

INACTIVE DUTY

Commanding Officer is hereby authorized to:

Terminate enlisted contract (applies if USN enlisted man)

Close out enlisted record (applies if Reserve enlisted man)

Execute the above as checked, by discharge, as of date immediately preceding date of execution of this form.
Issue Discharge Certificate and Form DD-214, as appropriate; Ref: BuPers Manual, Article C-10306 and Article C-10507.

APPOINTMENT AT O'Malley 151
By Direction

ACCEPTANCE AND OATH OF OFFICE

I, John Forbes KERRY, do hereby accept the above appointment as a Reserve Officer in the grade of Ensign in the United States Navy; do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter; so help me God. I understand that this appointment is null and void if not accepted by the date stipulated above.

NAVOCs, NAVBASE

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

(Signature in Full)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 19____

(Signature and Official Title)

THE
PRESIDENT
OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



To all who shall see these presents, greeting:

Know Ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity and abilities
of
John Forbes Kerry
in the grade of Ensign
I do appoint him a Reserve Officer

United States Navy

to rank as such from the Sixteenth day of December nineteen
hundred and Sixty-Six. This Officer will therefore carefully and diligently discharge the

duties of the office to which appointed by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging.

And I do strictly charge and require those Officers and other personnel of lesser rank to render
such obedience as is due an officer of this grade and position. And this Officer is to observe and follow
such orders and directions, from time to time, as may be given by me, or the future President of
the United States of America, or other Superior Officer, acting in accordance with the laws of the
United States of America.

This commission is to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States of
America, for the time being; under the provisions of those Public Laws relating to Officers of the

Armed Forces of the United States of America
and the component thereof in which this appointment is made.

Done at the City of Washington, this Eleventh day of October in the year of
our Lord one thousand nine hundred and Sixty-Six, and of the Independence of the United
States of America the one hundred and Ninety-First.

Effective: Date Accepted

By the President:

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Paul H. Nitze.

B. J. SEMMES, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy
Chief of Naval Personnel

PAUL H. NITZE
Secretary of the Navy