

10 February 1968

From: Ensign John F. KERRY, [REDACTED]
To: Chief of Naval Personnel (Pers-Blk)
Via: Commanding Officer, USS GRIDLEY (DLG-21)

Subj: Vietnam Duty; request for

1. I request duty in Vietnam. My billet preference is "Swift" boats with a second choice of Patrol Officer in a PER Squadron.
2. Since reporting aboard GRIDLEY in June, 1967, I served for 7 months as Electrical Officer and "E" Division Officer and have held the billet of First Lieutenant and First Division Officer since December 1967. Prior to joining the Navy I had extensive small boat experience which I believe would serve me well as Officer in Charge of a "Swift" boat. I have attended the following Navy courses: Prospective Officer of the Deck, Emergency Shiphandling, Damage Control School (Stability and NBC), CIC Watch Officer School, and Air-Intercept Controller School.
3. I request to be transferred upon GRIDLEY's return from WESTPAC deployment in June. The ship is presently scheduled to be de-commissioned in September 1968 in Bath, Maine for AAW modernization. I would consider extending my obligated service for duty as OIC of a PCF if necessary. My RAD date is December 1969.
4. I consider the opportunity to serve in Vietnam an extremely important part of being in the armed forces and believe that my request is in the best interests of the Navy.

J. F. Kerry
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