

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

3 December 1979

To: HECTOR P. GARCIA, M.D.
AMERICAN GI FORUM OF THE U.S.

Dr. Garcia,

You may wish to keep this memento of a
happy day together.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Hidalgo", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Edward Hidalgo

Enclosure

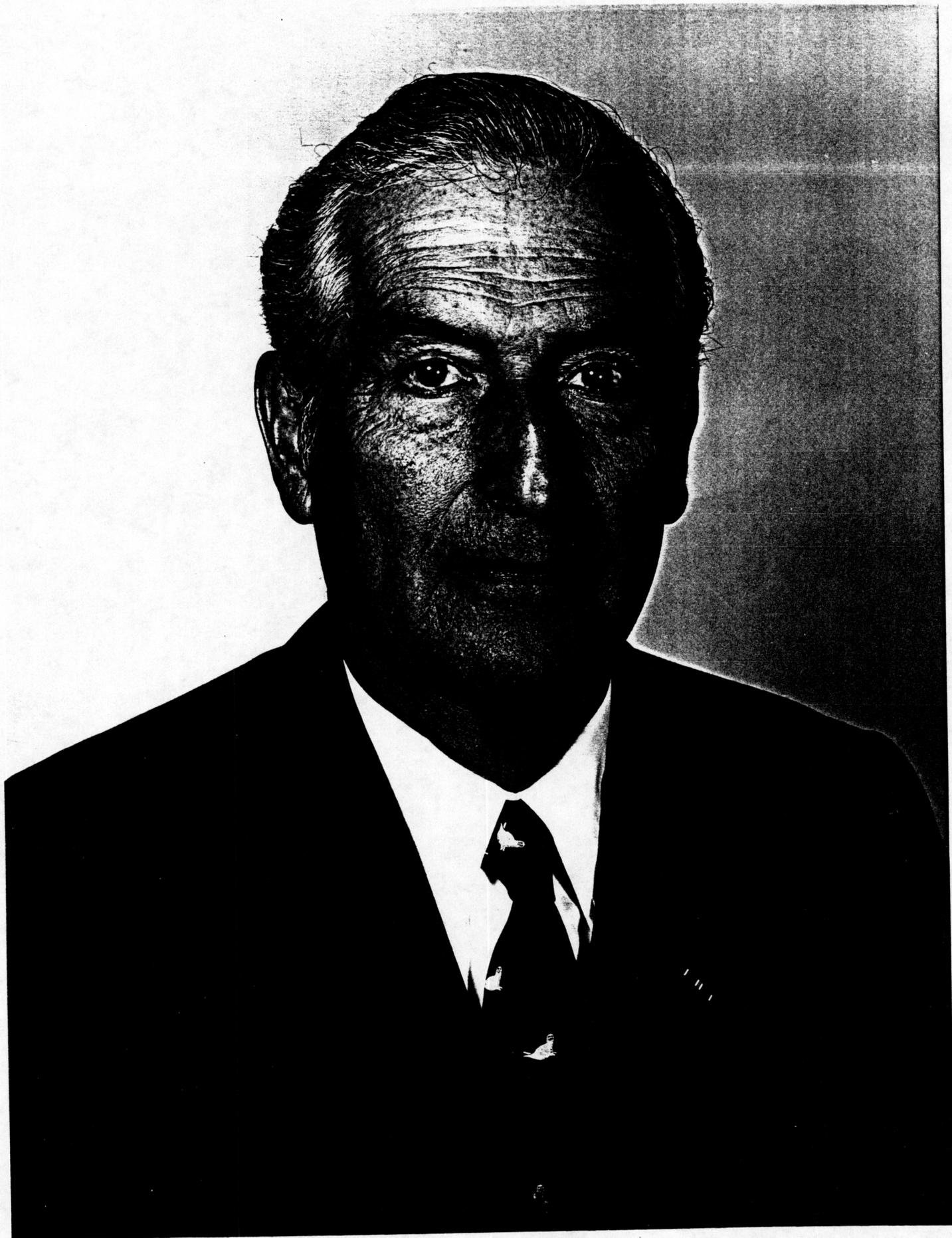


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Edward Hidalgo
Asst. Secretary of the U.S. Navy

Dr. H.P. Jr.

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HONORABLE EDWARD HIDALGO
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
(MANPOWER, RESERVE AFFAIRS AND LOGISTICS)

On April 1, 1977, President Jimmy Carter nominated Edward Hidalgo to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics). He was confirmed by the Senate and took the oath of office on April 25, 1977.

Secretary Hidalgo was born in Mexico City, Mexico on October 12, 1912. He has been a resident of the United States since early childhood. He received a B.A., Magna Cum Laude, from Holy Cross College in 1933 and a J.D. from Columbia Law School in 1936. In 1959 he received a Degree in Civil Law from the University of Mexico. He served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1942 to 1946.

He served as a law clerk to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in 1936 and 1937, and was an associate with the law firm of Wright, Gordon, Zachry & Parlin (Cahill, Gordon & Reindel) from 1937 to 1942. From 1942 to 1943, he was assigned to the State Department as legal adviser to the U.S. Ambassador to the Emergency Advisory Committee for Political Defense in Montevideo.

From 1943 to 1945 he served as an air combat intelligence officer on the carrier Enterprise, and he was a member of the Eberstadt Committee which reported to the Secretary of the Navy on Unification of the Military Services in 1945. He received the Bronze Star for his services aboard the Enterprise and a Commendation Ribbon for his service with the Eberstadt Committee. In 1945 and 1946 he served as Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, James Forrestal.

From 1946 to 1948, Mr. Hidalgo was a partner of the law firm of Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, in charge of their Mexico City office. He was a founder in 1948 and a senior partner until 1965 in the Mexico City law firm of Hidalgo, Barrera, Siqueiros & Torres Landa.

From 1965 to 1966, Mr. Hidalgo was Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, Paul H. Nitze, and from 1966 to 1972, he was a partner in the law firm of Cahill, Gordon & Reindel, in charge of their European office. In 1972 he served as Special Assistant for Economic Affairs to the Director of the U.S. Information Agency and in 1973 he became General Counsel and Congressional Liaison of the Agency.

Mr. Hidalgo was a member of the U.S. Delegation to the Inter-American Conference in Bogota, Columbia in 1948. He has received the Royal Order of the Vasa for legal services to the Swedish Government. He is the author of "Legal Aspects of Foreign Investments" (chapter on Mexico) (1958).

Secretary Hidalgo is married to Karen Dane Jernstedt and has four children. They reside at 2435 California Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

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