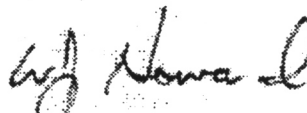


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2. On 25 September 1958 near Whidbey Island, Washington, a Navy P5M with its engine afire was forced to ditch. It carried a [REDACTED] weapon without capsule. Immediately after ditching the weapon was jettisoned in 1430 fathoms. This accident was not released to the press.

Sincerely yours,



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