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The Honorable Michael Bilirakis
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0909


Dear Congressman Bilirakis:

This is in response to your letter of August 16, 2002, concerning Mr. George T. Chandler, President, Second Yamamoto Mission Association, and also in response to Mr. Chandler's letter to this office dated July 10, 2002. Mr. Chandler alleges that the Secretary of the Air Force failed to respond to his letter dated November 21, 2001, wherein he (Mr. Chandler) recommended that an independent investigator be appointed to determine who was responsible for the downing of Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto's aircraft on April 18, 1943.

Our preliminary review determined that it would be more appropriate for the Secretary of the Air Force to respond on the matter. Accordingly, we have referred your inquiry to the Secretary of the Air Force for direct response.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (703) 604-8324.

Sincerely,


John R. Crane
Director
Office of Congressional Liaison