

August 8, 1958

James C. Hagerty, Press Secretary to the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

FOLLOWING IS A LETTER TO THE
PRESIDENT FROM COMMANDER
W. R. ANDERSON, COMMANDING
OFFICER OF THE U.S.S. NAUTILUS

Sunday 3 August 1958

President Dwight D. Eisenhower
The White House
Washington

Dear Mr. President:

It is an honor and a privilege to report to you that the U.S.S. NAUTILUS will, in a few minutes, reach the North Pole while making the world's first transpolar voyage.

We submerged under the Arctic ice pack off Point Barrow, Alaska on 1 August and expect to emerge in the Greenland Sea on 5 August.

I hope, Sir, that you will accept this letter as a memento of a voyage of importance to the United States. It would not have been possible had it not been for your personal interest, approval and support.

All of the men of the NAUTILUS join me in wishing you Godspeed in your continuing fight for world peace.

Very respectfully,

/s/ W. R. Anderson

Commander, U. S. Navy
Commanding Officer

(Signed at the North Pole at 2315 EDST)