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Dear Jim:

Thank you for the kind invitation to join you on Saturday evening, October 10th for the 40th Annual Reunion of the U.S.S. Yorktown CV-10 Association. However, travel to Central America precludes me from attending.

The Jimmie Taylor memorial room aboard the U.S.S. Yorktown CV-10 seems a most fitting tribute to your father who was quoted as being "one of the greatest test pilots in American History". Because of his dedication and love for aviation, he exemplified the true spirit of the test pilot. The risks he encountered to ensure the safety of others is the utmost sacrifice in the service of our country.

Regretfully, I will not be able to participate in the dedication ceremony of the James B. Taylor room, but I will be there in spirit as just one of the former Navy pilots who owe a deep debt of gratitude for his labor of love that enabled us to perform at peak efficiency.

Congratulations to you and your family as your father is enshrined on the "Fighting Lady".

Sincerely,

John McCain
United States Senator

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