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Dear Lura Lee,

Thank you for your kind letter and your good wishes. I was grateful to know of your Mother's and your support for what we tried to accomplish during the past ~~four~~ years.

I want to assure you, Lura Lee, that you are not alone, and that the interest of the many good people in our Navy from Admiral Jim Holloway, the present CNO, on down will continue our progress and will make it unnecessary for you to even think of not being an American. I also want to encourage you to realize that while you are never alone in the fight for justice and equality, it is up to you personally to stand up for the good causes and never to run away. What you do today may well make it easier for your younger sister and brother in the future.

You and your Mom may be sure that even though I no longer wear the Navy uniform, I have continuing interest in all our Navy family.

May God bless you and yours. I'll be working and cheering for you in my retirement--and I have great faith that you will continue to be a wonderful American.

Sincerely,

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