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Dear Mike,

Many thanks for your thoughtful letter of 8 July and your reflections on my tour as CNO. The past four years have provided a wonderful opportunity to serve our Navy and our Nation and I fully believe that history will prove that the efforts and the direction of our great Navy team in this period were in the best interests of our national security and the naval forces. I am proud of our successes and our batting average!

I have appreciated your support and extend every good wish for continued success and happiness in the years ahead.

Warm regards,

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