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Chief of Civil Engineers

Dear Bud:

Thanks for an exciting and most productive four years! There were, of course, things you did with which I didn't always agree, and some that you, in retrospect, wish you hadn't done. That always happens to a doer, and it is because you are - and have always been - a doer that you have left a lasting imprint on the Navy and the Nation.

Whatever you do in the future just has to be good too, and you can be sure that I'll be here rooting for you as usual.

Best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,
Mike