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Commander Kurt W. Tidd  
Commanding Officer  
USS Arthur W. Radford, (DD-968)  
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Dear Kurt:

Your Dad sent over the copy of the Change of Command ceremony which I found very impressive and again felt so sorry that I could not be with you on that wonderful occasion.

I know it's going to be a magnificent tour for you and you will find yourself looking back on it as one of the most important phases of your career—even after you become CNO.

All best wishes to you and your lovely wife.

Sincerely,

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