



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

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Mrs. Nancy Reagan



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Dear Mrs. Reagan,

On behalf of the men and women of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, please accept our deepest sympathies at this difficult time. The heartfelt thoughts and prayers of those in uniform and all Americans are with you and your family.

Last July, our Navy was honored as you presided at the commissioning of USS RONALD REAGAN. This magnificent aircraft carrier, which proudly bears the name of your beloved husband and our great President, is training at sea to ensure that the Nation that he loved so well remains ready to defend liberty in the far corners of the Earth. Today, each of your shipmates is thinking of you, remembering President Reagan and reflecting on the service you both have given to America.

It is my hope and prayer that the knowledge of the immense respect and love that our Sailors and Marines have for you and President Reagan will bring you comfort. May God's strength support you in your time of loss, and God bless you and your family.

*Arthur England*