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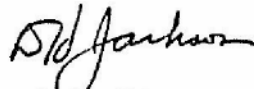
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From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: Survey of USS GEARING (DD-710)

1. Forwarded.
2. The USS GEARING (DD-710), a GEARING Class Destroyer, completed construction on 3 May 1945. The ship completed a FRAM I conversion in 1962. Notwithstanding this conversion, her capabilities are not up to fleet standards. As a consequence, she is not considered to meet present and future warfare requirement. To bring her capabilities up to date and also to undertake the much needed repairs, would be prohibitively costly.
3. The President, Board of Inspection and Survey has found USS GEARING unfit for further Naval Service and has recommended that she be stricken from the Naval Vessel Register. The Chief of Naval Operation concurs and recommends that USS GEARING be Stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 1 July 1973, as provided for in Title 10, U.S. Code 7304.
4. Subsequent to striking, authority is requested to dispose of USS GEARING pursuant to existing law in a manner most advantageous to the government.
5. Pursuant to the requirements of Title 10, U.S. Code 7307, and because this ship has been found unfit as required by law, it is hereby certified that USS GEARING is not essential to the defense of the United States.


D. H. JACKSON.
BY DIRECTION