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Lt. Gen. Ryan T. Arling  
Office of the Secretary of Defense  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-1000

**Subject:** Launch Preparations Complete

Ryan,

Everything is ready for launch. Edna's been more than accommodating—she's made all this possible. I'll see you at Cape Canaveral.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Gordon Cavendish'.

Gordon Cavendish  
President and CEO