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1. Per reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) COMMAND HISTORY 1996

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. **MISSION STATEMENT.** USS LOUISVILLE's mission is to provide a formidable platform which can operate independently or in support of a carrier battle group to protect the interests of the United States and its allies. Tactical employment roles include Anti-Submarine Warfare, Anti-Surface Warfare, Strike Warfare, Intelligence and Warning and Special Forces Warfare - all can be accomplished while remaining submerged and undetected.

2. **HISTORY STATEMENT.** The USS LOUISVILLE is the thirty-fifth LOS ANGELES class submarine to enter the submarine fleet. USS LOUISVILLE was constructed by the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut. USS LOUISVILLE is named for the city of Louisville, Kentucky and is the fourth United States Ship to bear this name. Major milestones in the new construction period of the ship were as follows:

Keel Laid	-	16 September 1984
Launched	-	14 December 1985
Commissioned	-	08 November 1986

The ship's sponsor is Mrs. Betty Ann McKee, wife of retired Admiral Kinnaird R. McKee, former Director of Naval Nuclear Propulsion.

3. **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE.** The USS LOUISVILLE is one of the units under the responsibility of Commander Submarine Squadron SEVEN at Naval Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On board, the Commanding Officer is assisted in carrying out the ship's mission by the Executive Officer, four Department Heads, eight Division Officers and a crew of 130.

4. **NAME OF COMMANDING OFFICER/DATE ASSUMED COMMAND.** Commander Christopher R. Earl, U.S. Navy/12 January 1994

5. **HOME PORT OF SHIP.** USS LOUISVILLE is currently home ported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) CHRONOLOGY FOR 1996

01Jan-14Feb in drydock #1 at PHNSY, undergoing Depot Modernization Period.
14Feb-30Jun pierside at PHNSY, undergoing DMP.
30Jun-06Jul Ship is U/W for Sea Trials.
23Jul-26Jul Ship is U/W.
01Aug-27Aug Ship is U/W.
19Aug Ship is moored, US Naval Submarine Base, San Diego, CA.
23Aug-27Aug Ship is U/W.
27Aug Ship is moored, Esquimalt, Canada.
30Aug-13Sep Ship is U/W.
13Sep Ship is moored, Pearl Harbor, HI.
16Sep-19Sep Ship is U/W.
25Sep-26Sep Ship is U/W.
26Sep Ship is moored, Commenced Upkeep.
31Oct-07Nov Ship is U/W.
25Nov-27Nov Ship is U/W.
29Nov-05Dec Ship is U/W.
09Dec-18Dec Ship is U/W.
18Dec-31Dec Ship is moored, Pearl Harbor, HI.