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(2) Chronological Sequence of Events
(3) Narrative

1. Per reference (a) enclosures (1) through (3) are forwarded.

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PART I

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. Mission. The mission of the SSBN 726 Class submarine is to provide a strategic deterrence against hostile attack by maintaining a continuous capability to deliver strategic missile attacks against hostile targets. In order to carry out this mission, SSBN 726 Class submarines are designed to perform the following tasks:

a. To operate at sea for extended periods as a highly reliable, survivable deterrent to a nuclear weapon attack by a foreign power, and to destroy land targets with strategic, nuclear armed missiles.

b. To minimize the probability of detection by any potential threat.

c. To operate defensively against submarine and surface ship threats as necessary to accomplish the mission.

2. Organization. The USS MICHIGAN, second in the Trident Class of nuclear strategic ballistic missile submarines is commanded by (Blue Crew) Captain Harry P. Consaul III and (Gold Crew) by Captain Albert Z. Schwartz.

There are presently ten Trident submarines, eight of which are assigned to Submarine Squadron 17, commanded by Captain M. S. Wright.

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PART II

1991 CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

DATE:	KEY EVENTS
18 - 20 Apr 91	Port visit to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
22 - 23 Apr 91	Conducted Torpedo Certification Program.
11 - 13 May 91	Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.
Feb 91 - May 91	Gold crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 29.
17 May 91	Exchange of command, Captain H. P. Consaul III, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew relieved Captain A. Z. Schwartz, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew.
6 Jun 91	Conducted Dependents Cruise in Straits of Juan de Fuca.
16 - 18 Jul 91	Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.
19 - 20 Jul 91	Port visit in homeport of Bangor, Washington.
16 - 17 Aug 91	Conducted Supply Management Inspection.
Jun 91 - Aug 91	Blue crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 30.
22 Aug 91	Exchange of command, Captain A. Z. Schwartz, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew relieved Captain H. P. Consaul III, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew.
21 - 25 Oct 91	Port visit to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
Sep 91 - Dec 91	Gold crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 31.
21 Dec 91	Exchange of command, Captain H. P. Consaul III, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew relieved Captain A. Z. Schwartz, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew.
23 - 29 Feb 92	Port visit to San Diego, California.
15 - 17 Mar 92	Conducted Tactical Readiness Evaluation.
18 - 24 Mar 92	Port visit to homeport of Bangor, Washington.
19 Mar 92	Conducted Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection with an augmented Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection.
21 Mar 92	Conducted a walk through Reentry Vehicle On-Site Inspection.
24 - 28 Mar 92	Conducted a Mini Demonstration and Shakedown Operation.
Jan 92 - Mar 92	Blue crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 32.
31 Mar 92	Exchange of command, Captain A. Z. Schwartz, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew relieved Captain H. P. Consaul III, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew.

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PART III

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)

HISTORY

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) is the second Trident Class Nuclear submarine to be constructed, and is the third U. S. warship to bear the name of the Great Lakes State.

The ship's keel was laid on 4 April 1977 at Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton Connecticut. The submarine was christened on 26 April 1980 by Mrs. Lucien N. Nedzi and commissioned on 18 September 1982.

After completing Demonstration and Shakedown Operations (DASO) at Cape Canaveral in January 1983, MICHIGAN transited the Panama canal and arrived at Naval Submarine Base, Bangor on 16 March 1983.

In the spring of 1983, MICHIGAN completed Post Shakedown Availability at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. She subsequently assumed her major role as a strategic deterrent, deploying for her first patrol in August 1983.

MICHIGAN's performance to date has been demonstrated by reception of the following awards:

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (GOLD)

FY-83

Engineering "E"
ASW "A"
Damage Control "DC"

FY-84

Communications "C"

FY-85

Meritorious Unit Commendation
Damage Control "DC"

FY-86

Battle Efficiency "E"
Engineering "E"
ASW "A"
Silver Anchor Award
Olympic Flag Trophy

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (BLUE)

FY-84

Battle Efficiency "E"
Engineering "E"

FY-85

Meritorious Unit Commendation
Engineering "E"
Strategic Weapons "S"
Communications "C"

FY-86

Battle Efficiency "E"
Supply "E"

FY-88

Olympic Flag Trophy

FY-89

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USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)

HISTORY

FY-87

Silver Anchor Award

FY-91

Damage Control "DC"
Supply "E"

FY-88

Gold Anchor Award

ASW "A"

FY-90

Gold Anchor Award

The following additional items are forwarded:

3 pictures of USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)