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From: Commanding Officer, Helicopter Combat Support Squadron FOUR
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09bH), Washington Naval Yard,
Washington DC. 30274-0571

Subj: CY 1989 COMMAND HISTORY SUBMISSION

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

Encl: (1) Biography of CDR John Walter Mullarky
(2) Biography of CDR David J. Smania
(3) HC-4 CY-89 Battle Efficiency and CNO Safety Awards
Submission (C)

1. Per reference (a), the HELSUPPRON FOUR Command History, with
enclosures (1) through (3) is submitted for review.

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COMMAND HISTORY

I. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission: To provide day/night logistic support to SIXTH Fleet units and U.S. Forces Europe.

b. Organization and Structure: CNO, CINCLANT, COMNAVAIRLANT (OPS/ADMIN), COMFAIRMED (OPS), COMHELTACWING ONE (ADMIN).

c. Commanding Officers:

1 January 1989 - 13 June 1989 CDR J.W. Mullarky,

13 June 1989 - 31 December 1989 CDR D.J. Smania

d. Permanent Duty Station: Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella, Sicily, Italy

e. Assets: Seven (7) Sikorsky CH-53E Helicopters, Buno's: 161532, 161536, 161537, 161538, 161539, 161540, 161988

II. Chronology

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
05-12 Jan	Detachment (Det) to Tel Aviv, Israel to support CVN-71
09 Jan	MEDEVAC twenty patients from NAS Sigonella to Naples, Italy
09-13 Jan	Det to Rota, Spain to support CVN-71
13 Jan	MEDEVAC twenty-two patients from NAS Sigonella to Naples, Italy
20-30 Jan	Det to Rota, Spain to support LSD-41 and LPH-7
23-30 Jan	Det to Palma, Spain to support CVN-71
30 Jan	MEDEVAC one patient from CVN-71 to Palma Spain
08-18 Feb	Det to Hyeres, France to support CVN-71
23-28 Feb	Det to Alexandria, Egypt to support CVN-71
24 Feb	Supported Exercise Wintex-Cimex 89, Araxos, Greece
28 Feb-01 Mar	Det to Souda Bay, Greece to support CVN-71
01-03 Mar	Det to Antalya, Turkey to support CVN-71
03-11 Mar	Det to Antalya, Turkey to support CVN-71

15-19 Mar	Det to Naples, Italy to support LPH-7
18-26 Mar	Det to Rota, Spain to support CVN-71
23 Mar	MEDEVAC twelve patients from CVN-71 to Rota, Spain
02-17 Apr	Det to Hyeres, France to support CVN-71
20 Apr-01 May	Supported Exercise Dragon Hammer 89, Capo Teulada, Sardinia
27 Apr-03 May	Det to Antalya, Turkey to support CVN-71
03-19 May	Det to Tel Aviv, Israel to support CVN-71
07 May	MEDEVAC one patient from CVN-71 to Ben Gurion, Israel
11-12 May	Flew 58 members of Soviet/Italian/American INF Treaty Inspection Team from NAS Sigonella to Comiso Air Base, Italy
16-18 May	Supported Exercise Juniper Falconry 89, Tel Aviv, Israel
23-30 May	Det to Alicante, Spain to support CV-66
23 May-04 Jun	Det to Palma, Spain to support CVN-71
26 May	MEDEVAC one patient from LPH-7 to Naples, Italy
30-31 May	Det to Rota, Spain to support CV-66
01 Jun	Received CNAL Citation for 6 years Class "A" Mishap free flying
01-10 Jun	Supported Exercise Sardinia 89, Caligari, Sardinia
02 Jun	MEDEVAC one patient from CVN-71 to Palma, Spain
02-09 Jun	Det to Palma, Spain to support CVN-71
08 Jun	MEDEVAC one patient from LPH-7 to Decimonannu,
12-16 Jun	Supported Exercise National Week 89, West Med
13 Jun 23 Jun	CDR D.J. Smania relieves CDR J.W. Mullarky as Commanding Officer, HELSUPPRON FOUR
14-20 Jun	Det to Rota, Spain to support CVN-71
15 Jun	Received aircraft buno 161988
20-27 Jun	Det to Palma, Spain to support CV-43
18-22 Jun	Det to Izmar, Turkey to support CV-66
27 Jun	MEDEVAC one patient from Lampedusa, Italy to NAS Sigonella
09-17 Jul	Det to Hyeres, France to support CV-43
10-14 Jul	COMNAVAIRLANT NATOPS Evaluation
20 Jul	Medevac one patient from AO-178 to NAS Sigonella
28 Jul-02 Aug	Det to Alexandria, Egypt to support CV-43
01-31 Aug	Det to Akrotiri, Cyprus to support CV-43 and LHA-4

06 Aug-01	Sep	Supported East Med Contingency Operation 89, Akrotiri, Cyprus
27 Aug-01	Sep	Det to Antalya, Turkey to support CV-43
04-09	Sep	Det to Hyeres, France to support CV-66
10	Sep	MEDEVAC one patient from Lampedusa, Italy to NAS Sigonella
21	Sep	MEDEVAC one patient from LHA-4 to NAS Sigonella
21-22	Sep	Flew 55 members of Soviet/Italian/American INF Treaty Inspection Team from NAS Sigonella to Comiso Air Base, Italy
22	Sep-04	Oct Det to Balikeshir, Turkey to support CV-66, LHA-4, and BB-61
22	Sep-04	Oct Supported Exercise Display Determination 89, Balikeshir, Turkey
28	Sep	MEDEVAC one patient from NAS Sigonella to Naples, Italy
29	Sep-06	Oct Det to Antalya, Turkey to support CV-66
29	Sep-06	Oct Supported Exercise Display Determination 89, Antalya, Turkey
18-23	Oct	Det to Palma, Spain to support CV-66
29-31	Oct	Det to Palma, Spain to support CV-43
30	Oct	MEDEVAC one patient from CV-66 to Palma, Spain
31	Oct-13	Nov Det to Rota, Spain to support CV-66, LPH-2, and LSD-37
01	Nov	MEDEVAC one patient from CV-66 to Rota, Spain
12	Nov	MEDEVAC one patient from LSD-37 to Rota, Spain
12	Nov	MEDEVAC one patient from CV-59 to Rota, Spain
12	Nov	MEDEVAC one patient from LPH-2 to Rota, Spain
12-20	Nov	Det to Hyeres, France to support CV-59
29	Nov-03	Dec Det to Malta with HMX-1 for Presidential Support
08-14	Dec	Det to Palma, Spain to support CV-59

III. Narrative

Calendar Year 1989 was a year for pragmatic leadership and innovative utilization of assets at Helicopter Combat Support Squadron FOUR. From reductions in personnel to cut backs in operating funds, every command decision was predicated on organizational streamlining, while maintaining record levels of effectiveness and readiness.

Operationally, the HC-4 Black Stallions continued to be the most effective logistics squadron in the Navy. Supporting Sixth Fleet units in the Mediterranean, HC-4 deployed 34 detachments moving more cargo, mail, and passengers in less flight time, than ever before. Over 2,330 tons of cargo, 1,000,000 pounds of mail and 10,800 passengers were transported in the CH-53E Super Stallion Helicopters in 2586 mishap free flight hours. In addition, HC-4 flew 21 MEDEVAC missions, two INF Treaty Inspection missions and over 800 hours of pilot and aircrew training.

The single major impactor on readiness in 1989 was the lack of readily available aircraft parts. The long supply lines to CONUS and the limited availability of high priority items such as AFCS computers and main rotor blades affected the daily maintenance efforts. While the replenishment pipeline scrambled for new procurements, HC-4 planned and executed an aggressive maintenance program. Skilled liaison with the host air station, functional wing, and type commander ensured all alternatives were exhausted in providing "in theater" aircraft repair. Developing an ability to forecast problem areas, combined with advanced logistical planning by HC-4's experienced maintenance professionals, significantly reduced maintenance repair time and there by returned logistics aircraft to an employable status.

HC-4 maintained a mission capable rate of over 77 percent throughout 1989, while operating the Navy's most complex helicopter. The administrative and maintenance programs were praised by the CNAL inspection as "the top CH-53E squadron programs anywhere".

Morale and quality of life issues for HC-4 personnel remained a high priority during the year. Legislated reductions in manpower and the full integration of women into the Heavy Helicopter Combat Support environment mandated new and perceptive management. The superb team effort supported morale and retention to the proportions warranting the 1989 COMFAIRMED Silver Anchor Award.

Overall, 1989 saw the HC-4 Black Stallions emerge as the CH-53E squadron that exemplifies excellence in operations, maintenance, and retention to all others in the Navy/Marine Corps Team. Our mission and the complexities of maintaining the CH-53 challenged the capabilities, skill, and perseverance of not only the leadership, but also the sailors on the "wrenches".

To preclude duplication of reporting, enclosure (3) has been provided as supporting documentation to the narrative. It includes explanation of the logistics support provided by HC-4 to

the Sixth Fleet Operations. Additionally it contains the pertinent data on operations, maintenance, and retention as well as lessons learned.

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SUBJ: SUBMISSION OF CY 89 BATTLE EFFICIENCY AND CNO ANNUAL AVIATION
SAFETY AWARDS (U)

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SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CY 89 BATTLE EFFICIENCY AND CNO ANNUAL
AVIATION SAFETY AWARDS. RESPECTFULLY REQUEST FORWARDING ENDORSEMENT
FROM COMFAIRMED TO COMNAVAIRLANT.

2. (C) ACHIEVEMENTS IN COMBAT READINESS:

A. FLIGHT HOURS:

- (1) TOTAL HOURS: 2586
- (2) TOTAL DAY HOURS/PERCENT OF TOTAL: 2236/86
- (3) TOTAL NIGHT HOURS/PERCENT OF TOTAL: 350/14
- 4) DEPLOYED/EMBARKED HRS/PERCENT OF TOTAL: 1004/39
- 5) DEPLOYED/EMBARKED DAY HRS/PERCENT OF TOTAL

EMBARKED HRS: 939/94

- (6) DEPLOYED/EMBARKED NIGHT HRS/PERCENT OF TOTAL

EMBARKED HRS: 64/6

- (7) UTILIZATION RATE PER MONTH/AVERAGE FOR YEAR)BASED ON

WSPD UTILIZATION OF 32 FOR FY 89): 44/44

B. MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- (1) NUMBER OF PAX/TONS OF INTERNAL CARGO/POUNDS OF MAIL:
10,800/2,337 TONS/1,050,265 LBS

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SUBJ: SUBMISSION OF CY 89 BATTLE EFFICIENCY AND CNO ANNUAL AVIATION
(3F NUMBER OF FLIGHT CREW DESIGNATIONS GRANTED DURING
CALENDAR YEAR:

- (A) HAC: 14
- (B) H2P: 5
- (C) CREW CHIEF: 4
- (D) SECOND CREWMAN: 2
- (4) PLANE CAPTAINS TRAINED: 57
- (5) ORDNANCE EXPENDED:
 - L554, MK 25 SAR MARKERS: 15
 - L580, MK 58 SAR MARKERS: 2
 - NW 20, CHAFF: LI9
 - MD/48/MF 60. IMPULSE CHAFF: LL9
 - A400, .38 CAL: 2, I70
- NUMBER OF PERSONNEL QUALIFIED: 29

F. DEPLOYMENTS/DETACHMENTS: 34

(L) LOCATIONS/DATES:

LOCATIONS	DATES	DAYS	ACFT	PRIMARY TASKING
TEL AVIV, ISRAEL	05-12 JAN	8	2	USS KENNEDY
ROTA, SPAIN	09-13 JAN	5	L	USS ROOSEVELT
ROTA, SPAIN	20-30 JAN	11	1	USS KENNEDY/ USS WHIDBEY ISLAND/ USS GUADALCANAL
PALMA, SPAIN	23-30 JAN	8	2	USS ROOSEVELT
HYERES, FRANCE	08-18 FEB	10	1	USS ROOSEVELT
ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT	23-28 FEB	6	2	USS ROOSEVELT
SOUDA BAY, GREECE	28FEB-01MAR	3	2	USS ROOSEVELT
ANTALYA, TURKEY	01-03 MAR	3	2	USS ROOSEVELT
ANTALYA, TURKEY	03-11 MAR	11	2	USS ROOSEVELT
NAPLES, ITALY	15-19 MAR	5	I	USS GUADALCANAL
ROTA, SPAIN	18-26 MAR	5	2	USS ROOSEVELT
HYERES, FRANCE	02-17 APR	16	I	USS ROOSEVELT
ANTALYA, TURKEY	27APR-03MAY	7	2	USS ROOSEVELT
TEL AVIV, ISRAEL	03-19 MAY	17	2	USS ROOSEVELT
ALICANTE, SPAIN	23-30 MAY	9	I	USS AMERICA
ROTA, SPAIN	30-31 MAY	2	1	USS AMERICA
PALMA, SPAIN	02-09 JUN	8	I	USS AMERICA
PALMA, SPAIN	23MAY-04JUN	16	L	USS ROOSEVELT/ USS AMERICA
ROTA, SPAIN	14-20 JUN	6	2	USS ROOSEVELT
PALMA, SPAIN	20-27 JUN	8	2	USS CORAL SEA
IZMIR, TURKEY	18-22 JUN	5	2	USS AMERICA

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HYERES, FRANCE	09-17 JUL	7	L	USS CORAL SEA
ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT	28JUL-02AUG	9	2	USS CORAL SEA
AKROTIRI, CYPRUS	0L-31 AUG	30	2	USS CORAL SEA/ USS NASSAU
ANTALYA, TURKEY	27AUG-01SEP	6	1	USS CORAL SEA
HYERES, FRANCE	09-04 SEP	6	1	USS AMERICA
BALIKESIR, TURKEY	22SEP-04OCT	13	2	USS NASSAU/USS IOWA/ USS AMERICA/
ANTALYA, TURKEY	29SEP-06OCT	L8	I	USS AMERICA
PALMA, SPAIN	18-23 OCT	6	2	USS AMERICA
PALMA, SPAIN/	29-3L OCT	3	2	USS FORRESTAL
ROTA, SPAIN	3LOCT-L3NOV	L3	2	USS AMERICA/ USS IWO JIMA/ USS PORTLAND
HYERES, FRANCE	12-20 NOV	9	2	USS FORRESTAL
MALTA (HMX-1)	29NOV-03DEC	5	3	PRESIDENTIAL SUPPORT
PALMA, SPAIN	08-L4 DEC	7	L	USS FORRESTAL

(2) EXERCISES:

- (A) WINTEX-CIMEX 89, ARAXOS, GREECE 24 FEB 1989
- (B) DRAGON HAMMER 89, CAPO TEULADA, SARDINIA 20APR-01MAY

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- (C) JUNIPER STALLION 89, TEL AVIV, ISRAEL 16MAY-18MAY 1989
- (D) SARDINIA 89, CAGLIARI, SARDINIA 01JUN-L0JUN 1989
- (E) NATIONAL WEEK 89, WEST MED 12JUN-16JUN 1989
- (F) EAST MED CONTINGENCY OPERATION 89, AKROTIRI, CYPRUS

06AUG-0LSEP 1989

- (G) DISPLAY DTERMINATION, BALIKESIR, TURKEY 22SEP-04OCT

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- (H) DISPLAY DETERMINATION, ANTALYA, TURKEY 29SEP-06OCT

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- (I) TUNISIAN PHIBLEX 89, CAPE SERRAT 06DEC-20DEC 1989

(3) DAYS EMBARKED/DETACHED: 258

3. (C) ACHIEVEMENTS IN WEAPONS SYSTEM READINESS, MATERIAL READINESS:

- A. PERCENT MISSION CAPABLE: 78
- B. PERCENT NON-MISSION CAPABLE MAINTENANCE: 9
- C. AIRCRAFT UTILIZATION RATE: 44 FH/MO
- D. A-799 PERCENTAGE: 2
- E. FOD RATE: 0
- F. AVERAGE CANNIBALIZATION RATE: I
- G. SPECIAL INTEREST AIRCRAFT: NONE

4. (C) ACHIEVEMENTS IN AVIATION SAFETY:

- A. ALPHA MISHAPS: 0
- B. BRAVO MISHAPS: 0
- C. CHARLIE MISHAPS: (REQUIRED FOR SAFETY "S" AWARD ONLY; NOT APPLICABLE TO BATTLE "E"):

(L) 18 OCT 89 - SUMMARY: APP COMPARTMENT FIRE ON GROUND DURING SHUTDOWN.

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SUBJ: SUBMISSION OF CY 89 BATTLE EFFICIENCY AND CNO ANNUAL AVIATION SATISFACTORY ON TWO AIRCRAFT MATERIAL CONDITION AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS AUDIT CONDUCTED BY COMFAIRMED. ALL SUBJECTIVE GRADES WERE OUTSTANDING OR EXCELLENT. INSPECTORS COMMENTS: "AIRCRAFT INSPECTED ARE THE CLEANEST I'VE SEEN IN TWO YEARS OF AIRCRAFT INSPECTING. HC-4'S CURRENT CORROSION CONTROL MATERIAL CONDITION MAINTENANCE PROGRAM IS THE STANDARD. THE PROFESSIONAL TEAM EFFORT AND CORPORATE KNOWLEDGE IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION IS OUTSTANDING."

D. NATOPS EVALUATION: RECEIVED A GRADE OF OUTSTANDING IN JUL 89 FROM COMNAVAIRLANT/COMNAVAIRPAC NATOPS EVALUATOR. AIRCREW EVALUATION TOUTED AS "BEST IN THE FLEET" BY THE EVALUATORS.

E. HUMAN RESOURCES:

6. (C) ACHIEVEMENTS IN PERSONNEL READINESS:

A. RETENTION:

	ELIGIBLE	NOT ELIGIBLE	NUMBER REENLISTED	GROSS/NET PERCENTAGE
FIRST TERM	35	2	22	59/63
SECOND TERM	10	0	10	100/100
CAREER	LL	1	11	92/100

B. ADVANCEMENT:

(1) CYCLE (MAR 89)

	E-4	E-5	E-6
ELIGIBLE TIS/TIR	32	28	24
NO. TAKING EXAM	32	28	24
NO. NOT REC	L	0	0
NO. SELECTED	6	2	L
NO. PNA	26	26	23

(2) CYCLE (SEP 89)

	E-4	E-5	E-6
ELIGIBLE TIS/TIR	37	22	L7
NO. TAKING EXAM	35	22	L6
NO. NOT REC	0	0	0
NO. SELECTED	10	9	2
NO. PNA	25	13	2

C. ONE YEAR OR GREATER PRD EXTENSION REQUESTS: 29

7. (C) CONTRIBUTIONS TO TACTICAL DEVELOPMENT IMPROVEMENT:

A. OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED: NONE.

8. (C) CONTRIBUTIONS TO WEAPONS SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT:

A. NONE.

9. (C) ADDITIONAL SQUADRON REMARKS:

A. SQUADRON AWARDS/COMMENDATIONS:

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(9) COMSIXTHFLT 3I2306Z AUG 89, ATTA BOY: I WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION AND RESPECT FOR THE EFFORTS YOU ALL MADE TO SUPPORT SIXTHFLT UNITS DURING THE RECENT EMED OPS. I WAS CONSISTENTLY IMPRESSED WITH YOUR VIGOR, PROFESSIONALISM AND OVERALL COMPETENCE. YOU PERFORMED ROUTINE EVOLUTIONS WITH PRECISION, DEPENDABILITY AND ENTHUSIASM. YOU MOVED FREIGHT, CASREP PARTS, PRIORITY MAIL, PAX, FOUR-STAR FLAG OFFICERS AND OF COURSE, MAIL FROM HOME. YOU NAME IT - YOU'VE MOVED IT! YOU HAVE FLAT DONE IT ALL AND I COULDN'T BE PROUDER OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. I SALUTE YOU AS A SUPERB GROUP OF PROFESSIONALS AND A LINCH PIN IN THE SIXTH FLEET TEAM. KEEP CHARGING. VADM J.D. WILLIAMS

(IOF CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON UK 300800Z AUG 89, BRAVO ZULU: I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO ALL HANDS FOR A SUPERBLY PLANNED AND EXECUTED PERIOD OF CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. I COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE IMPRESSED. YOU HAVE MADE A SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCE TO OUR COUNTRY'S EFFORT TO RESOLVE A CRITICAL SITUATION. WELL DONE. ADMIRAL J.T. HOWE.

(IL) COMFAIRMED NAPLES IT 08L055Z SEP 69, BRAVO ZULU: ON VERY SHORT NOTICE YOU DEPLOYED TWO OF YOUR AIRCRAFT AND THEIR SUPPORT PERSONNEL TO RAF AKROTIRI, CYPRUS, DIRECTLY FROM ANOTHER VERY SUCCESSFUL DETACHMENT IN EGYPT. THERE YOUR CREWS AND AIRCRAFT FLEW L43 SORTIES, MOVED OVER HALF A MILLION POUND OF CRITICAL CARGO/MAIL BT

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SUBJ: SUBMISSION OF CY 89 BATTLE EFFICIENCY AND CNO ANNUAL AVIATION AND NEARLY 1700 PASSENGERS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF SIXTH FLEET UNITS IN THE EASTERN MED. YOUR "CAN DO" ATTITUDE, PROFESSIONALISM AND WILLINGNESS TO GO THE EXTRA MILE, WERE THE VERY CORNERSTONE IN A VERY INTRICATE AIR AND SURFACE OPERATION THAT MANY HAVE TERMED "ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPLEX PEACETIME LOGISTICS EFFORTS IN RECENT MEMORY." I TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN BEING ASSOCIATED WITH THE "BLACK STALLIONS" OF HC-4. YOU ARE, QUITE SIMPLY, THE FINEST HELICOPTER SQUADRON IN THE NAVY. ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE NEARLY THIRTY THOUSAND MEN AND WOMEN WHOSE BEST INTERESTS YOU RECENTLY SERVED: THANK YOU. WELL DONE. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. RADM S.F. GALLO (L2) 74 SQN 2LL630Z SEP 89, MANY THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR STAGING OF OUR F4JS AND CL30. PARTICULAR THANKS TO THE BLACK STALLIONS HC-4 AND HIS PERSONNEL. YOUR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN ARRANGING ACCOMM AND TRANSPORT FOR SO MANY AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE WITH MINIMAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES WERE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. THE 74 SQN TIGERS ARE IN YOUR DEBT.
(I3) CCMSIXTHFLT 041751Z DEC 89, PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: SIXTH FLEET PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN IN THE WORLD SPOTLIGHT OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS AND YOUR PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING. WHILE BELKNAP AND FORRESTAL WERE CENTER STAGE IN THIS EVOLUTION, THERE WERE MANY UNITS WHICH PROVIDED SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. SUPPORT SERVICES WERE RENDERED ON TIME AND ON THE MARK, ON SHORT-TO-NO NOTICE: HC-4 AND VR-22 HAULED PEOPLE AND HIGH-PRI FREIGHT. IT WAS AN IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY OF SUPPORT UNDER TOUGH WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TIME CONSTRAINTS. EVERY ASPECT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT WAS DONE PROFESSIONALLY AND WITH STYLE. PLEASE PASS ALONG A SINCERE WELL DONE TO ALL WHO WORKED SO LONG AND HARD TO MAKE THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT SUCH A SUCCESS. YOUR PERFORMANCE MADE ME VERY PROUD. BRAVO ZULU. VADM WILLIAMS
(L4) CO HMX ONE LTR DTD 04 DEC 89, LETTER OF APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: IT HAS BEEN MY HONOR TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH A SUPERB GROUP OF MEN AND WOMEN WITHIN YOU SQUADRON. SINCE THE VERY FIRST DAY OF OUR ARRIVAL, ON 25 NOVEMBER 1989, I HAVE WITNESSED NOTHING LESS THAN 100 PERCENT ENTHUSIASM AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL FROM YOU AND YOUR UNIT MEMBERS. AS YOU HAVE DISCOVERED, PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR A VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT REQUIRES MANY HOURS OF PREPARATION AND REHEARSALS. YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISHED THESE EXTENSIVE MILESTONES WITH FORCEFULNESS, PROFESSIONALISM AND, OF COURSE, WITHOUT FLAW.
PLEASE ACCEPT MY THANKS AND GRATITUDE FOR HARD WORK AND TEAM-SPIRIT THAT ALL OF YOUR SAILORS PROVIDED. THEIR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT

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