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HC-4

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Subj: CY 1986 COMMAND HISTORY SUBMISSION

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

Encl: (1) HC-4 CY 86 Battle Efficiency and CNO Annual Aviation Safety
awards submission

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted as a summary
of CY 1986 events for Command History purposes.

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SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF CY 86 BATTLE EFFICIENCY AND CNO ANNUAL AVIATION SAFETY AWARDS

- A. COMHFLTACWING ONE 091835Z DEC 86
- B. COMNAVAIRLANT INST 1650.3B
- C. COMNAVAIRLANT INST 3590.5H
- D. PHONCON CO, HC-4/CDR CAREY, CFM OF 05JAN87

1. (U) IAW REFS A THROUGH D THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CY 86 BATTLE EFFICIENCY AND CNO ANNUAL AVIATION SAFETY AWARDS. REF B FORMAT UTILIZED WITH ADDITIONAL DATA REQUIRED REF C INCORPORATED AS APPROPRIATE, PRIMARILY IN PARA 4. RESPECTFULLY REQUEST FORWARDING ENDORSEMENTS FROM COMFAIRMED AND CINCUSNAVEUR TO COMHFLTACWING ONE.

2. (C) ACHIEVEMENTS IN COMBAT READINESS.

- A. (U) FLIGHT HRS:
 - (1) TOTAL HRS: 2657.3
 - (2) TOTAL DAY HRS/PERCENT OF TOTAL: 2341.2/88.1 PCT
 - (3) TOTAL NIGHT HRS/PERCENT OF TOTAL: 316.1/11.9 PCT
 - (4) DEPLOYED AND EMBARKED HRS/PERCENT OF TOTAL: 960.4/36 PCT
 - (5) DEPLOYED AND EMBARKED DAY HRS/PERCENT OF TOTAL DEPLOYED AND EMBARKED HOURS: 914.7/95.2 PCT
 - (6) DEPLOYED AND EMBARKED NIGHT HRS/PERCENT OF TOTAL DEPLOYED AND EMBARKED HOURS: 45.7/4.8 PCT
 - (7) UTILIZATION RATE PER MONTH/OVERAGE PER MONTH: 45.2/14.6 (BASED ON WSPD UTILIZATION OF 30.6 FOR FY 86)
- B. (C) MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
 - (1) NUMBER OF PAX/TONS INTERNAL CARGO/POUNDS MAIL:

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- 7,375/2,043.2/845,957
- (2) TONS EXTERNAL CARGO: 36.2
- (3) SAR MISSIONS: NONE
- (4) OTHERS:

A. MEDEVAC MISSIONS: 24

- (1) 22 FEB 86-MEDEVAC FOUR PATIENTS FROM USS GUADALCANAL TO NAS SIGONELLA.
- (2) 24 FEB 86-MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS GUADALCANAL TO NAS SIGONELLA.
- (3) 10 MAR 86-MEDEVAC THREE PATIENTS FROM USS SARATOGA TO PALMA, SPAIN.
- (4) 11 MAR 86-MEDEVAC TWO PATIENTS FROM USS SARATOGA TO PALMA, SPAIN.
- (5) 13 MAR 86-MEDEVAC TWO PATIENTS FROM USS GUADALCANAL TO NAPLES, ITALY.
- (6) 29 MAR 86-MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS CORONADO TO NAS SIGONELLA.
- (7) 30 MAR 86-MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM AUGUSTA BAY TO NAS SIGONELLA.
- (8) 9 APR 86-MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS CORAL SEA TO ROTA, SPAIN.
- (9) 9 MAY 86-MEDEVAC 34 PATIENTS FROM NAS SIGONELLA TO NAPLES, ITALY.
- (10) 24 MAY 86-MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS AMERICA TO NICE, FRANCE.
- (11) 4 JUN 86-MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM HYERES, FRANCE TO USS ENTERPRISE.
- (12) 6 JUN 86-MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM HYERES, FRANCE TO USS ENTERPRISE.
- (13) 21 JUN 86-MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS GUAM TO NAS SIGONELLA.
- (14) 4 AUG 86-MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS AMERICA TO ALICANTI, SPAIN.
- (15) 5 AUG 86-MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS AMERICA TO ALICANTI, SPAIN.
- (16) 6 AUG 86-MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS AMERICA TO ALICANTI, SPAIN.
- (17) 25 SEP 86-MEDEVAC FOUR PATIENTS FROM USS GUAM TO NAS SIGONELLA.
- (18) 14 OCT 86-MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS KENNEDY TO SOUDA BAY, CRETE.
- (19) 25 OCT 86-MEDEVAC TWO PATIENTS FROM VITTORIA, SICILY TO FONTANNAROSA AIRPORT, CATANIA, SICILY.
- (20) 2 NOV 86-MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS KENNEDY TO NAPLES, ITALY.
- (21) 7 DEC 86-MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS KENNEDY

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TO NAPLES, ITALY.

(22) 19 DEC 86-MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS KENNEDY TO NAPLES, ITALY.

(23) 23 DEC 86 - MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM COAST GUARD STATION LAMPEDUSA ITALY TO NAS SIGONELLA.

(24) 23 DEC 86-MEDEVAC ONE PATIENT FROM USS KENNEDY TO PALMA, SPAIN.

B. HUMANITARIAN MISSIONS: ONE

(1) 19 APR 86-TRANSPORTED HUMAN REMAINS FROM BEIRUT, LEBANON TO LARNACA, CYPRUS.

C. AMERICAN EMBASSY BEIRUT SUPPORT MISSIONS: 44

(1) DEPLOYED FOR 117 DAYS IN THE EASTMED; CONDUCTED 44 SORTIES INTO WAR TORN BEIRUT AND SERVED AS THE SOLE MEANS OF INGRESS/EGRESS FOR VULNERABLE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

C. (U) DECK LANDINGS.

(1) TOTAL DECK LDGS: 741

(2) DAY DECK LDGS/PERCENT OF TOTAL: 634/85.6 PCT

(3) NIGHT DECK LDGS/PERCENT OF TOTAL: 107/14.4 PCT

(4) LANDINGS: DAY/NIGHT

SHORE: 4254/728 CV: 509/47 OTHER DECK: 125/60

D. (U) OPTAR MANAGEMENT.

(1) FLIGHT HRS GRANTED/FLIGHT HRS FLOWN/PERCENT UTILIZATION

A. FIRST QTR CY 86: 728/716.9/98.5 PCT

B. SECOND QTR CY 86: 732/708.7/96.8 PCT

C. THIRD QTR CY 86: 701/614.7/87.7 PCT

D. FOURTH QTR CY 86: 664/617.0/92.9 PCT

E. CY 86 TOTALS: 2920/2657.3/91.0 PCT

NOTE: DUE TO ACTUAL COST PER HOUR BEING HIGHER THAN FUNDED CPH GRANTED, FLYING THE ENTIRE FLIGHT HOURS GRANT CAN NEVER BE ACHIEVED.

(2) DOLLARS GRANTED/DOLLARS SPENT/PERCENT UTILIZATION

A. FIRST QTR CY 86: 334.9K/333.4K/99.5 PCT

B. SECOND QTR CY 86: 345.9K/342.5K/99.0 PCT

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C. THIRD QTR CY 86: 312.6K/306.5K/98.0 PCT
D. FOURTH QTR CY 86: 275.8K/270.1K/ 97.9 PCT
E. CY 86 TOTALS: 1269.2K/252.5K/98.7 PCT

E. (U) FLIGHT CREW READINESS.

(1) AVERAGE NUMBER OF PILOTS/AIRCREW ONBOARD: 25/21
(2) AVERAGE NUMBER OF FLIGHT CREW PERSONNEL ONBOARD

BY CREW POSITION:

A. HAC: 15
B. H2P: 5
C. PQM: 5
D. FIRST A/C: 14
E. SECOND A/C: 3
F. A/C TRAINEES: 4

G. FLIGHT CREWS REQUIRED/FORMED: 12/10
(3) FLIGHT CREW DESIGNATIONS GRANTED BY CREW POSITION.

A. HAC: 7
B. H2P: 8
C. FIRST A/C: 4
D. SECOND A/C: 5

(4) PLANE CAPTAINS TRAINED: 20
(5) ORDNANCE EXPENDED: 238 CHAFF CARTRIDGES

F. (C) DEPLOYMENTS/DETACHMENTS.

(1) LOCATIONS/DATES/PRIMARY TASKING

LOCATIONS	DATES	DAYS	ACFT	PRIMARY TASKING
LARNACA, CY	19JAN-23FEB	36	2	AMEMB BEIRUT
AVIANO, IT	03FEB-12FEB	10	1	CV-43 LOG SUPPORT
AVIANO, IT	16FEB-27FEB	12	1	CV-60 LOG SUPPORT
LARNACA, CY	1 MAR-20 MAY	81	2	AMEMB BEIRUT
ROTA, SP	6 MAR-9 MAP	4	1	CV-60 LOG SUPPORT
PALMA, SP	9 MAR-19 MAR	11	1	CV-60 LOG SUPPORT
ERHAC, TU	23 MAR-27 MAR	5	1	AMEMB ANKARA
ROTA, SP	03 APR-14 APR	12	1	CV-43 LOG SUPPORT
PISA, IT	04 APR-09 APR	6	1	CV-66 LOG SUPPORT
NAPLES, IT	22 APR-26 APR	5	1	CV-43 LOG SUPPORT
NAPLES, IT	29 APR-05 MAY	7	1	CV-66 LOG SUPPORT
HYERES, FR	19 MAY-09 JUN	22	1	CV-65 LOG SUPPORT
PALMA, SP	12 JUN-20 JUN	9	1	CV-66 LOG SUPPORT
ALICANTI, SP	28 JUL-09 AUG	13	1	CV-66 LOG SUPPORT
NICE, FR	07 AUG-19 AUG	13	1	CV-59 LOG SUPPORT
ALEXANDRIA, EG	22 AUG-30 AUG	9	2	CV-59 LOG SUPPORT
ROTA, SP	27 AUG-08 SEP	13	1	CV-66/CV-67 X-DECK

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NAPLES, IT	10 SEP-13	SEP	4	1	CV-59 LOG SUPPORT
HYERES, FR	11 SEP-19	SEP	9	1	CV-67 LOG SUPPORT
PISA, IT	27 SEP-02	OCT	6	1	CV-59 LOG SUPPORT
-SOUDA BAY, GR	03 OCT-16	OCT	14	1	CV-67/CV-59 X-DECK
PALMA, SP	19 OCT-30	OCT	12	1	CV-59 LOG SUPPORT
TRIESTE, FR	27 OCT-09	NOV	14	1	CV-67 LOG SUPPORT
NAPLES, IT	15 NOV-19	NOV	5	1	BB-63 LOG SUPPORT
HYERES, FR	23 NOV-06	DEC	14	1	CV-67 LOG SUPPORT
NAPLES, IT	06 DEC-23	DEC	18	1	CV-67 LOG SUPPORT
NAPLES, IT	15 DEC-20	DEC	6	1	CV-67 LOG SUPPORT
PALMA, SP	23 DEC-31	DEC	9	1	CV-67 LOG SUPPORT

- . (2) EXERCISES: N/A
- . (3) TOTAL AIRCRAFT DAYS DEPLOYED: 505
- . (4) TOTAL DAYS DEPLOYED (NON EMBARKED): 279
- . (5) TOTAL DAYS EMBARKED: 0
- 3. (U) ACHIEVEMENTS IN WEAPONS SYSTEMS READINESS, MATERIAL READINESS.

- . A. PERCENT MISSION CAPABLE (MC): 63.6 PCT
- . B. PERCENT NOT MISSION CAPABLE MAINTENANCE (NMCM): 21.4 PCT
- . C. AIRCRAFT UTILIZATION: 45.2
- . D. A-799 PERCENTAGE ORGANIZATIONAL/INTERMEDIATE: 3.0 PCT/0.9 PCT
- . E. FOD RATE: .38 PER 1000 FLT HRS
- . F. AVERAGE CANNIBALIZATION RATE: 8.4 PER 100 FLT HRS
- . G. SPECIAL INTEREST AIRCRAFT: NONE

- 4. (U) ACHIEVEMENTS IN AVIATION SAFETY.
- . A. ALPHA MISHAPS: 0
- . B. BRAVO MISHAPS: 0
- . C. CHARLIE MISHAPS: 1 FLIGHT MISHAP 19 SEP 86; ENGINE FODDED BY BLIND RIVET DURING PMCF.
- . D. NUMBER OF HAZARD REPORTS SUBMITTED: (HAZARD REPORTS - 2; HMR'S - 10; HMR/E1'S - 11; EMR/EI'S - 0)
- . E. RATIO OF TOTAL NUMBER OF LOST WORKDAYS DUE TO ACCIDENTAL INJURIES REPORTED UNDER 5102.1 DIVIDED BY AVERAGE NO. OF OFFICERS/ENLISTED ONBOARD: 0.134
- . F. NUMBER OF NATOPS CHANGES SUBMITTED: 2
- . G. NUMBER AND TYPE AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED: 6, CH-53E
- . H. NUMBER OF QDR'S SUBMITTED: 14
- . I. NUMBER OF SAFETY ARTICLES SUBMITTED/PUBLISHED: 0
- . J. NUMBER OF FLIGHT VIOLATIONS: 0
- . K. NUMBER OF EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE MISHAPS SUBMITTED: 0
- . L. NUMBER OF ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES/INJURIES (A THRU G): 0
- . M. NUMBER OF "PROS OF THE WEEK" SELECTED BY COMNAVAIRLANT FOR WEEKLY SAFETY PUBLICATIONS: 2
- . N. NUMBER OF SAFETY STANDDOWNS/REVIEWS CONDUCTED: 2
- . O. SAFETY SURVEY BY OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION (DATE/UNIT): 16 DEC 86, NAVSAFECEN.
- . P. SPECIAL AWARDS RECEIVED: 31 JULY 86, COMNAVAIRLXNT MISHAP FREE

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- . AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS CITATION (THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR)
- . Q. OTHER SAFETY RELATED ITEMS: 24 OCT 86, ANNUAL INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE SURVEY.
- 5. (U) ACHIEVEMENTS IN COMMAND INSPECTIONS.
 - . A. ISIC COMMAND INSPECTION: N/A
 - . B. NTPI/DNSI: N/A
 - . C. TWO ISIC CORROSION INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED 17-18 APR 86 AND 19-20 OCT 86. RESULTS: SQUADRON EARNED GRADE OF SATISFACTORY IN ALL CATEGORIES.
 - . D. COMNAVAIRLANT AVIATION MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT TEAM (ASSIST) VISIT CONDUCTED 19-21 MAY 86; RESULTS: SATISFACTORY IN ALL AREAS.
 - . E. NATOPS EVALUATION: CONDUCTED 26-29 AUG 86; RESULTS INDICATED THAT "DOCUMENTATION OF PILOT AND AIRCREW NATOPS TRAINING WAS OUTSTANDING" AND HC-4 POSSESSED "A PROFESSIONAL ATTITUDE AND AN EFFECTIVE NATOPS TRAINING PROGRAM".
 - . CNAL SAR ASSIST VISIT: CONDUCTED 23 JUL 86; OVERALL GRADE OF SATISFACTORY WAS ASSIGNED, WITH COMMENTS THAT THE SQUADRON'S POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND GENUINE SUPPORT OF THE SAR PROGRAM WAS PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY.
 - . G. HUMAN RESOURCES: TWO SQUADRON WIDE CAPTAIN'S CALLS

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(INCLUDING WIVES) HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED BASED ON COMMAND ASSESSMENT
TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS. INDIVIDUAL IDEAS ARE SOLICITED AND DISCUSSED,
AND POLICIES AND PROGRAMS CHANGED IN ATTEMPTS TO "FIND A BETTER WAY".

6. (U) ACHIEVEMENTS IN PERSONNEL READINESS.

A. RETENTION

	ELIGIBLE	INELIGIBLE	REEN	PERCENT
(1) FIRST TERM	21	3	13	61
(2) SECOND TERM	2	0	2	100
(3) CAREER	13	1	10	76

B. ADVANCEMENT

	E-4	E-5	E-6
(1) CYCLE 111 (MAR 86)			
ELIGIBLE TIS/TIR	30	35	11
NO. TAKING EXAM	24	28	9
NO. NOT REC	2	3	1
NO. SELECTED	15	5	1
NO. PNA	7	22	7
(2) CYCLE 112 (SEP 86)			
ELIGIBLE TIS/TIR	35	31	14
NO. TAKING EXAM	26	21	13
NO. NOT REC	0	2	1
NO. SELECTED	11	3	1
NO. PNA	15	18	12

C. ONE YEAR OR GREATER PRD EXTENSION REQUESTS: 54 (REPRESENTS
29 PERCENT OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL ONBOARD)

D. FIRST RUNNER UP (MEDIUM CATEGORY) IN THE CINCUSNAVEUR FY 86
GOLDEN ANCHOR COMPETITION.

7. (U) CONTRIBUTIONS TO TACTICAL IMPROVEMENT.

- A. TACFAC/TACMEMO/LESSONS LEARNED: NONE
- B. OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: NONE
- C. SIGNIFICANT TACTICAL PROJECTS:

(1) EXTERNAL CARGO PALLET - RESEARCHED AND
INITIATED THE PROCUREMENT OF A 20,000 LB CAPACITY CARGO
PLATFORM, DESIGNED TO EXTERNALLY LIFT LARGE VOLUMES OF
CARGO AND SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF HEAVY
LIFT SUPPORT TO SIXTH FLEET UNITS.

(2) COMBAT SURVIVABILITY -

DUE TO HC-4'S INVOLVMENT IN SPECIAL MISSION/CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS
AND RESULTANT SUPPORT FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY, THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC
ITEMS REGARDING COMBAT SURVIVABILITY HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED/PROCURED
DURING CY 86:

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- (A) M-16 AND .38 CAL SMALL ARMS TO OUTFIT THREE CREWS (DELIVERED).
- (B) BODY ARMOR FOR THREE CREWS (DELIVERED).
- (C) APR-39 THREAT WARNING SYSTEM TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ALE-39 IS SCHEDULED FOR ACCELERATED INSTALLATION.
- (D) AN/AVS-6 NIGHT VISION GOGGLES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE AVAILABLE IN FY-87 PENDING APPROVAL OF A TYCOM NVG PROGRAM. HC-4 NOW HAS A MAWTS-1 QUALIFIED NVG INSTRUCTOR ONBOARD.

- 8. (U) CONTRIBUTIONS TO WEAPONS SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT.
 - A. 27 TECHNICAL PUBLICATION DEFICIENCY REPORTS (TPDR) AND 14 QUALITY DEFICIENCY REPORTS (QDR) WERE SUBMITTED TO IMPROVE CH-53E MAINTENANCE PUBLICATIONS AND MATERIAL RESPECTIVELY.
 - B. RAMEC - SUBMITTED AND RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM COMNAVAIRSYS COM FOR PROTOTYPE MODIFICATION OF THE CH-53E CONSOLE LIGHTING SYSTEM. THIS CIRCUIT BREAKER CHANGE REDUCED THE CHANCES OF AN ELECTRICAL FIRE.
 - C. HELICOPTER EXTERNAL CARGO LOADING MANUAL REVIEW, 23-26 SEP 86 - COMMAND REPRESENTATIVES PROVIDED NAVY CH-53E/VOD EXPERTISE CONTRIBUTING TO OVER 47 REVISIONS, CHANGES AND ILLUSTRATIONS.
 - D. CH-53E ILSMT/RIP REVIEW, 28 APRIL - 2 MAY 86 - COMMAND REPRESENTATIVES SUBMITTED NEW PROCEDURES FOR REDUCING MAINT/MAN HRS REQUIRED TO REPAIR MRB PITCH LOCK ASSEMBLIES

- 9. (C) ADDITIONAL SQUADRON REMARKS.
 - A. (U) SQUADRON AWARDS/COMMENDATIONS/BZ'S
 - *** AWARDED NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION 1 OCT 86: FOR COMBAT SUPPORT OPERATIONS IN BEIRUT LEBANON AND THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA FROM 23 SEP 84 TO 19 MAY 86.
 - *** AWARDED NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION - 22 DEC 86: FOR EXTRAORDINARY SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA FROM 14 JUNE 85 - 30 NOV 85.
 - *** ALL NAVY WINNER OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION (NDTA) AWARD FOR LOGISTICS EXCELLENCE
 - *** COMNAVAIRLANT MISHAP FREE AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS CITATION (THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR).
 - *** CINCUSNAVEUR GOLDEN ANCHOR 1ST RUNNER UP (MEDIUM CATEGORY) FOR FY 86.
 - USOMC BEIRUT, LE 191114Z MAR 86 - THEIR PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE DURING THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF SPECIAL MISSION FLIGHTS IS ONCE AGAIN AN ABLE DEMONSTRATION OF THE EXEMPLARY EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN IN SUPPORT OF THE U.S. MISSION IN BEIRUT. AMBASSADOR BARTHOLOMEW.
 - CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON UK 242134Z MAR 86 - THE HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL MANNER IN WHICH HELICOPTER COMBAT SUPPORT EVOLUTIONS FOR COMISO WERE CARRIED OUT WAS MOST COMMENDABLE. ADM A.S. MOREAU,

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- . - USDAO ANKARA TU 271231Z MAR 86 - THE RAPID AND PROFESSIONAL LIFT OF A CRASH DAMAGED UH-1 HELD FOR THE TURKISH AIR FORCE IS APPRECIATED.
- . - USS AMERICA 092225Z APR 86 - THEIR FLEXIBILITY AND CAN DO SPIRIT CONTRIBUTED TO UNINTERRUPTED LOGISTIC SUPPORT AND ENABLED USA TO REMAIN AT THE PEAK OF MATERIAL READINESS.
- . - USS DETROIT 122014Z MAY 86 - ONCE AGAIN THE BLACK STALLION PROFESSIONALS COME THROUGH WITH THEIR CAN DO SPIRIT AND WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST OUR EFFORTS. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.
- . - USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE 201246Z MAY 86 - YOUR PERFORMANCE ENSURED THE SUCCESS OF A MISSION WHICH IS OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO THE EUROPEAN COMMAND AND OF PRIME CONCERN TO OUR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP. GEN R.L. LAWSON.
- . - SECSTATE WASHDC 220535Z MAY 86 - FOR TWENTY MONTHS, IN THE FACE OF MANY COMPETING REQUIREMENTS AND THE DANGERS INHERENT IN THE MISSION, HC-4 ALLOWED OUR PEOPLE IN BEIRUT TO REST A BIT EASIER IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE LIFELINE WAS IN THE HANDS OF DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS. SECRETARY SCHULTZ.
- . - USS GUADALCANAL 231114Z MAY 86 - WHILE PROVIDING

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CRITICAL PAX, MAIL AND CARGO SERVICE, THEY DEMONSTRATED A MOST IMPRESSIVE ALL WEATHER DAY/NIGHT CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT THE FLEET.

- HELSUPPRON NINE 07JUL86 - ON FOUR OCCASIONS YOU WERE REQUESTED TO AIRLIFT OUR DETACHMENT TO OR FROM A SHIP ON SHORT NOTICE. YOU MADE IT HAPPEN.

- DCNO (AIR WARFARE) 04AUG86 - THE LOGISTICS SUPPORT WAS FREQUENTLY MENTIONED AS CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR VERY POSITIVE EXPERIENCE. THE SUPERB SHOWING OF HC-4 IS A RESULT OF AN ALL HANDS EFFORT. VADM E.H. MARTIN.

- COMSIXTHFLT 080606Z SEP 86 - THE EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE OF HC-4 AIR AND GROUND CREWS WAS COMMENTED ON BY BOTH U.S. AND EGYPTIAN OBSERVERS.

- CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON UK 082136Z OCT 86 - THE EFFORTS OF THE ASCOMED/HC-4 TEAM, WITH ONLY THREE HOURS NOTICE, IN EFFECTING THE TIMELY MOVEMENT OF MATERIAL TO USS JOHN RODGERS WAS MOST COMMENDABLE AND SUPPORTED IMPORTANT OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS. VADM R.F. SCHULTZ.

- NAVSUPACT SOUDA BAY 210002Z OCT 86 - I NOTE WITH PLEASURE HC-4 DET ONE'S FINE PERFORMANCE THAT WAS ABOVE AND BEYOND THE NORM. THEIR SERVICE ATTITUDE AND WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BASE WAS OUTSTANDING. CAPT B.R. GLADIN.

- USAFCLINIC COMISO AS IT 261000Z OCT 86 - YOUR EFFORTS DURING THE MEDEVAC MISSION ON 25 OCT WERE VERY TIMELY, FLEXIBLE AND GREATLY APPRECIATED. COL J. TINDALL.

- USS SANTA BARBARA 272100Z OCT 86 - I EXTEND MY PERSONAL SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL HOSPITALITY AND SUPPORT PROVIDED TO USS SANTA BARBARA PERSONNEL.

- VMFA ONE ONE FIVE 142224Z NOV 86 - THE BLACK STALLIONS PROVIDED COURTEOUS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE IN MANY FACETS OF OUR DEPLOYMENT NEEDS AND GENEROUSLY AVAILED MANY ADMINISTRATIVE AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES.

B. (U) INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- (1) NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL: 1
- (2) NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS: 5
- (3) GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS: 23
- (4) CNO LETTERS OF APPRECIATION: 12
- (5) LTRS OF COMMENDATION: 13

C. (C) REMARKS:

(1) (C) AGAIN AS IN 1985, HC-4 DEPLOYED A TOTAL OF 28 DETACHMENTS AND OPERATED FROM ROTA SPAIN TO BEIRUT LEBANON. HOWEVER, THIS YEAR THE BLACK STALLIONS CONTINUED TO IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT PROVIDED AS NOTED BY AN 8.5 PERCENT INCREASE IN INTERNAL CARGO AND A 6.9 PERCENT INCREASE IN MAIL TRANSPORTED. MORE

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SIGNIFICANT IS THE FACT THAT THE INCREASED SERVICE WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH ONE LESS CH-53E ASSET DUE TO A HEEL-TO-TOE SDLM CYCLE. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE AVERAGE 1986 UTILIZATION RATE INCREASED TO 45.2 HRS/ACFT/MO WHICH EXCEEDS THE PROJECTED NAVY AND MARINE UTILIZATION RXTE OF 30.6 HRS BY NEARLY 15 HRS/ACFT/MO, AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE FACT THAT HC-4 HAS THE TOP THREE HIGH TIME ACFT AFTER ONLY THREE YEARS OF OPERATIONS. TO ACHIEVE THIS UNSURPASSED UTILIZATION RATE, THE BLACK STALLION MAINTENANCE TEAM PERFORMED AN AVERAGE 37.8 MAINTENANCE MANHOOURS PER FLIGHT HOUR WITH AN ONBOARD AVERAGE OF 155 GROUP 1X MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL, SUSTAINING AN AVERAGE MISSION CAPABLE RATE OF 63.6 PERCENT. ADDITIONALLY, THESE FLIGHT HOUR RECORDS AND READINESS STATISTICS INCLUDE A LOW MONTH OF 25.5 HRS/ACFT IN JULY 86 WHILE RESTRICTED TO THE FIELD BOUNDARY PENDING COMPLETION OF A MAJOR AIRCRAFT MODIFICATION, AND WERE ACCOMPLISHED AT THE END OF A LONG SUPPLY PIPELINE.

- 2. (C) SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE:
 - 117 DEPLOYED DAYS IN HIGH THREAT AREAS OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, AND THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF 44 SORTIES INTO THE COMBAT ENVIRONMENT OF WAR-TORN BEIRUT.
 - THE EXTERNAL LIFT OF A CRASH DAMAGED UH-1 HELICOPTER IN THE MOUNTAINS OF TURKEY.
 - THE EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF U.S. COAST GUARD PERSONNEL FROM THE ISLAND OF LAMPEDUSA FOLLOWING THE LYBIAN MISSILE ATTACK.
 - THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF CLASS A MISHAP FREE FLYING IN A HIGH TEMPO, FORWARD DEPLOYED ENVIRONMENT THAT INCLUDED 207 DAYS OF DEMANDING SHIPBOARD OPERATIONS.

3 (U) ON THE CUTTING EDGE 365 DAYS A YEAR, HC-4'S REPUTATION FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AND UNSURPASSED LOGISTIC SUPPORT IS WIDELY RECOGNIZED AND CULMINATED IN THE RECEIPT OF TWO NAVY UNIT COMMENDATIONS DURING A ONE YEAR PERIOD. THE BLACK STALLIONS CONTINUED SUCCESS, BOTH IN MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT AND ACCIDENT FREE OPERATIONS, IS CLEARLY DESERVING OF THE 1986 BATTLE EFFICIENCY AND CNO SAFETY AWARDS.

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