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1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded in accordance with reference (a).

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ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1996

1. Command Composition and Organization

- a. Mission: Anti-Submarine, Anti-Surface Warfare, Strike Warfare, Mine warfare and Special Operations.
- b. Immediate Senior in Command: Submarine Squadron 2
- c. Commanding Officer: CDR L.A. Zingarelli (01 Jan - 31 Dec)
- d. Permanent Duty Station: NAVSUBASE NLON, Groton, CT

2. Chronology:

- a. 01 Jan - 09 Jan Upkeep SUBASE NLON.
- b. 10 Jan - 12 Jan Independent steaming exercises (ISE) in Narragansett Bay Operating Areas (NBOA's).
- c. 12 Jan - 22 Jan Pre Overseas Movement (POM) training at SUBSCOL SUBASE NLON.
- d. 22 Jan - 05 Feb POM workup and training in NBOA's.
- e. 05 Feb - 09 Feb POM certification in NBOA's.
- f. 09 Feb - 21 Feb Inport SUBASE NLON.
- g. 21 Feb - 15 May WESTLANT DEPLOYMENT.
- h. 15 May - 20 May Port Visit Faslane, U.K.
- i. 20 May - 01 Jun WESTLANT DEPLOYMENT.
- j. 01 Jun - 12 Jul Post Deployment stand down and upkeep SUBASE NLON.
- h. 12 Jul - 12 Jul VIP operations Block Island Sound.
- i. 12 Jul - 16 Jul Inport SUBASE NLON.

j.	16 Jul - 19 Jul	Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) workup in NBOA's.
k.	19 Jul - 24 Jul	Inport SUBASE NLON.
l.	24 Jul - 24 Jul	Dependents Cruise in Block Island Sound.
m.	24 Jul - 26 Jul	Inport SUBASE NLON.
n.	26 Jul - 12 Aug	TRE AUTEC Range, Bahamas.
o.	12 Aug - 17 Sep	Inport SUBASE NLON and SPRUCE operations.
p.	17 Sep - 20 Sep	ISE in NBOA's.
q.	20 Sep - 16 Oct	Inport SUBASE NLON.
r.	16 Oct - 17 Oct	INSURV in NBOA's.
s.	17 Oct - 22 Oct	Inport SUBASE NLON.
t.	22 Oct - 30 Oct	Operational Reactors Safeguards Examination (ORSE) workup in NBOA's.
u.	30 Oct - 02 Nov	Prospective Commanding Officer support and training.
v.	02 Nov - 06 Nov	ORSE workup in NBOA's.
w.	06 Nov - 08 Nov	ORSE in NBOA's.
x.	08 Nov - 20 Dec	Inport SUBASE NLON upkeep and drydocking for repairs.
y.	20 Dec - 31 Dec	Holiday stand down.

3. Narrative

The crew of the USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN-706) will remember 1996 as a fast-paced year which included a highly successful deployment, several challenging examinations and a rekindling of relations with our namesake city.

The year began with a very intensive period of Pre-Overseas Movement training and certifications. During this timeframe the ALBUQUERQUE proved her ability to fight the ship and operate for prolonged periods of time away from homeport. The training paid off because ALBUQUERQUE completed a flawless WESTLANT deployment vital to national security. This deployment featured a period of 85 consecutive days submerged. The deployment was noted by SUBLANT as an overwhelming success. The summer was highlighted by two dependents cruises and several VIP cruises. The crew used these opportunities to show off the ship to Senators, government officials, friends and family.

Summer ended with the ALBUQUERQUE demonstrating her warfighting prowess during a Tactical Readiness Evaluation and by shooting 4 MK-48 ADCAP torpedoes. The last four months of the year were fast and furious. The ship was challenged with an unscheduled INSURV, an Operational Reactors Safeguards Examination (ORSE) and a Logistics Readiness Evaluation (LRE). Each of these inspections required several at-sea periods to prepare.

In the middle of this fast paced schedule, the Commanding Officer and a small contingent of crew members visited Albuquerque, New Mexico to reestablish relations with the ship's namesake city. The Captain and his crew members were guests of honor at the 25th Kodak International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The trip reestablished broken bonds and revitalized Albuquerque's interest in the Submarine Force.

Submarine Squadron TWO recognized USS ALBUQUERQUE's outstanding performance in 1996 by awarding her the White "T" for tactical excellence and the Red and Green "N" for navigation excellence. The year ended with the ship starting another Pre-Overseas Movement period and a holiday standdown.