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Subj: USS DOLPHIN (AGSS 555) COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDER
        YEAR 1997

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Encl: (1) Commanding Officer's Biography
        (2) Commanding Officer's Photograph
        (3) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
        (4) Sailing List

1.   USS DOLPHIN (AGSS 555) is the Navy's deep diving research
and development diesel-electric submarine. USS DOLPHIN (AGSS
555) is under the operational control of Commander Submarine
Development Squadron FIVE. USS DOLPHIN (AGSS 555) is commanded
by Commander Gerald F. Nies, and is homeported in San Diego,
California.

2.   The following chronology of events reflect the ships
operations for the calendar year 1997:

    a.   10-13 Jan 1997: Underway post RAV sea-trails

    b.   18-24 Jan 1997: Underway ISE and Fleet-EX 97

    c.   27-29 Jan 1997: Underway for Merlin operations

    d.   29 Jan 1997: Fire in the potable water heater
        controller (no injuries)

    e.   12 Feb 1997: Forward shaft seal was refurbished by
        the IMA

    f.   20-21 Feb 1997: Underway ISE/CVL testing

    g.   26 Feb - 2 Mar 1997: Underway ISE/CVL testing

    h.   11-12 Apr 1997: Underway ISE

    i.   14 Apr 1997: Underway for Dependents Cruise

    j.   17 Apr 1997: Underway for Dependents Cruise

    k.   18 Apr 1997: Underway for Dependents Cruise

    l.   21-22 Apr 1997: Underway for ISE

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m. 10-11 May 1997: Supply Dept. logistics readiness
exam overall score-above average

n. 31 May 1997: Completed installation of DOLPHIN's new
"ships data system"

o. 6-13 June 1997: Provided services for torpedo
testing / conducted a bottom search for sunken F-1
submarine off San Diego coast. Target was located
and charted.

p. 10 June 1997: LT ██████████████ relieved LT
████████████ as engineering officer

q. 12 June 1997: Provided services for SWATS off of
coast of Catalina Is., California

r. 13 June 1997: Ships ORE/ERE overall score-above
average

s. 17 June 1997: Commander Gerald F. Nies relieved
Commander Joseph P. Peterson as Commanding Officer

t. 10-17 July 1997: Transited from San Diego to
Eureka, California (calm water all the way to
Eureka)

u. 19-24 July 1997: Transited from Eureka, California
to Bangor, Washington

v. 19 July 1997: STS2(SS) ████████████ dislocated his
shoulder while rigging the bridge for surface. he
was tended to by HMC ████ and ET1 ██████.
Shoulder was relocated by HMC ████.

w. 29 July 1997: Provided services for Advanced MK 50
torpedo testing in Dabob Bay, Bangor, Washington.

x. 4-5 Aug 1997: Transited from Bangor to Nanoose, Canada

y. 4 Aug 1997: Embarked CSDS-5, Capt. Wachendorf, to
observe ships operations.

z. 5 Aug 1997: Provided services for Advanced MK 50
torpedo testing in the joint US-Canadian marine test
range Nanoose, Canada

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       aa. 5 Aug 1997: Disembarked CSDS-5, Capt. Wachendorf.

       bb. 7 Aug 1997: Conducted near bottom operations
            survey of a proposed underwater range area near
            the US-Canadian marine test range Nanoose, Canada.

       cc. 13 Aug 1997: Underway for ISE

       dd. 14-15 Aug 1997: Transited from Nanoose, Canada
            to Esquimalt, Canada

       ee. 14 Aug 1997: Provided services for advanced
            torpedo testing in the US- Canadian maritime test
            range in Nanoose, Canada performed more torpedo
            testing

       ff. 19-25 Aug 1997: Transited from Esquimalt, Canada
            to Eureka, California

       gg. 27 Aug - 2 Sept 1997: Transited from Eureka,
            California to San Diego, California

       hh. 3 Sept 1997: Commenced a maintenance availability
            for a battery replacement

       ii. 27-31 Oct 1997: Underway ISE

       jj. 17-21 Nov 1997: Underway ISE

       kk. 19-31 Dec 1997: Christmas stand-down period.

3. USS DOLPHIN (AGSS 555) performed various research and
development projects throughout the year. Various material
deficiencies limited amount of underway projects. The three month
Pacific Northwest Deployment was accomplished as scheduled with
all deficiencies corrected by ships force to ensure all missions
were completed.

G. F. NIES