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USS FRANK CABLE (AS-40)

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Encl: (1) Command History for 1996, USS FRANK CABLE (AS-40)

1. As required by reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

J. W. Crews
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USS FRANK CABLE (AS-40)

COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1996

1. Mission. The USS FRANK CABLE (AS-40) provides a mobile support base for nuclear powered SSN 688 LOS ANGELES class and SSN 637 STURGEON class high-speed submarines and surface ships. FRANK CABLE is an auxiliary ship that provides maintenance, supplies, and other services to these submarines. The ship contains 53 specialized shops for submarine support as well as various services such as laundry, repair parts, medical and dental facilities, legal counseling, mail, disbursing services, barber shops and ship's store. There are living quarters for both men and women. Submarines moored alongside for servicing can be provided with compressed gases, steam, diesel fuel, water, electricity and various other services.

a. Command Composition and Organization:

Operational/Administrative

Chain of Command: Commander, Submarine Group SEVEN
Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet
Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Commanding Officer: 1 January - 31 December Captain J. W. Crews

2. Underway Periods 1996:

01 January - 14 January	Moored Charleston, South Carolina
15 January - 22 January	Operating at sea
23 January - 26 January	Moored Charleston, South Carolina
27 January	Departure from Charleston, South Carolina
28 January - 21 February	Enroute Mayport, Florida
22 February - 27 February	Moored Mayport, Florida
28 February - 04 March	Operating at sea
05 March - 07 March	At sea/Completed Operational Propulsion Plant Examination
08 March - 10 March	Enroute Sydney, Australia
11 March	Transited Panama Canal

12 March - 27 March	Enroute Sydney, Australia
28 March	Enroute Sydney, Australia/Crossed Equator
29 March - 04 April	Enroute Sydney, Australia
05 April - 09 April	Visit Sydney, Australia
10 April - 17 April	Enroute Guam
18 April - 18 July	Moored Guam
19 July - 23 July	Enroute Sasebo, Japan
24 July - 15 August	Moored/Fleet Repair Services, Sasebo, Japan
16 August - 18 August	Enroute Yokosuka, Japan
19 August - 04 September	Moored/Fleet Repair Services, Yokosuka, Japan
05 September - 09 September	Enroute Guam
10 September - 27 October	Moored Guam
28 October - 29 October	Enroute Yokosuka, Japan
30 October -	At sea/PASSEX with Republic of Korea Submarine CHOI MOO SUN (SS 063)
31 October - 02 November	Enroute Yokosuka, Japan
03 November - 02 December	Moored/Fleet Repair Services, Yokosuka, Japan
03 December - 08 December	Enroute Hong Kong
09 December - 13 December	Anchored Hong Kong

14 December - Enroute Guam
19 December

20 December - Moored Guam
31 December

Major Command Awards

31 August Awarded the Safety "S" Award
31 December Awarded the Battle "E" Award
 Awarded the Engineering Red "E"
 Awarded the Communications Green "C"
 Awarded the Deck Seamanship White "D"
 Awarded the Repair Red "R"
 Awarded the Weapons Black "W"

3. Narrative.

USS FRANK CABLE changed homeports from Charleston, South Carolina to Guam effective 1 January 1996. The ship had a very successful year while steaming over 20,000 miles during the change of homeport transit and subsequent upkeeps. Highlights of the transit included successful completion of an Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE), transit of the Panama Canal, crossing the Equator enroute to a port visit in Sydney, Australia and arrival at the new homeport of Guam.

4. Supporting Documents.

- a. Photograph of USS FRANK CABLE (AS-40)
- b. Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
- c. Photograph of Commanding Officer
- d. Biography of Commanding Officer

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