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USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40)

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Encl: (1) Command History for 1997, USS FRANK CABLE (AS-40)

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

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USS FRANK CABLE (AS-40)

COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1997

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 - 28 June Captain J. W. Crews
 28 June - 31 December Captain D. A. Zusi

2. Underway Periods 1997:

01 January - 05 January	Moored/Fleet Repair Services, Guam
06 January - 10 January	Enroute Sasebo, Japan
11 January - 11 February	Moored/Fleet Repair Services, Sasebo, Japan
12 February - 16 February	Enroute Guam
17 February - 15 April	Moored/Fleet Repair Services, Guam
16 April - 18 April	Underway/Typhoon Evasion
19 April - 27 May	Moored/Fleet Repair Services, Guam
28 May - 02 June	Enroute Sasebo, Japan
03 Jun - 11 Jul	Moored/Fleet Repair Services, Sasebo, Japan
12 July - 16 July	Enroute Guam
17 July - 11 August	Moored/Fleet Repair Services, Guam
12 August - 17 August	Enroute Hong Kong
18 August - 22 August	Anchored Hong Kong
23 August - 27 August	Enroute Sasebo, Japan
28 August - 20 September	Moored/Fleet Repair Services, Sasebo, Japan
21 September	Enroute Chinhai, Korea
22 September - 28 September	Moored/Fleet Repair Services, Chinhai, Korea
29 September - 02 October	Enroute Yokosuka, Japan
03 October - 28 October	Moored/Fleet Repair Services, Yokosuka, Japan

Underway Periods 1997 (continued):

29 October - Enroute Guam
06 November

07 November - Moored/Fleet Repair Services, Guam
14 December

15 December - Underway/Typhoon Evasion
19 December

20 December - Moored/Fleet Repair Services, Guam
31 December

3. Narrative.

USS FRANK CABLE conducted numerous deployments to provide Fleet Repair Services to submarines and surface ships of the SEVENTH FLEET.

Awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for the period April 1995 - April 1997 in addition to the Battle Efficiency "E" Award for 1997. Departmental awards included the Damage Control Red "DC", Supply Blue "E", Deck Seamanship White "D", Dental Yellow "D" and the Repair Red "R". In addition, FRANK CABLE was one of the Navy's two nominees for the Secretary of Defense Maintenance (PHOENIX) Award for medium size commands.

USS FRANK CABLE hosted several dignitaries throughout 1997 including the Honorable John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy and Mr. James Langton, Assistant Secretary of Security, Hong Kong.

The ship was heavily involved in the rescue and recovery efforts following the Korean Airline Flight crash on Guam killing over 200 passengers. In addition, crewmembers played a large part in the recovery and clean-up efforts following Super Typhoon Paka, the most destructive storm Guam has experienced.

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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