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From: Commanding Officer, USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729)(GOLD)
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Subj: SUBMISSION OF COMMAND PHOTOS AND HISTORY

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Encl: (1) Biography of Commanding Officer
(2) Photo of Commanding Officer, (1) 8x10 black and white
(3) Photo of ship, (1) 8x10 color, (1) 8x10 black and white, (1) color slide
(4) Fact sheet of ship
(5) History of ship

1. Per reference (a) enclosures (1) through (5) are provided.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. L. Thomas", is written over the typed name.

D. L. THOMAS

By direction

USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729)

STATISTICAL DATA

KEEL LAID:	7 APRIL 1979
LAUNCHED:	6 NOVEMBER 1982
COMMISSIONED:	11 FEBRUARY 1984
SPONSOR:	MRS. SHEILA A. WATKINS
HOMEPORT:	BANGOR, WASHINGTON
PROPULSION:	NUCLEAR PROPULSION PLANT
LENGTH:	560 FEET
SPEED:	EXCESS OF 20 KNOTS
DISPLACEMENT:	SURFACED: 16,764 TONS SUBMERGED: 18,750 TONS
HULL DIAMETER:	42 FEET
DRAFT:	36 FEET
ARMAMENT:	MISSILE TUBES 24 TORPEDO TUBES 4
COMPLEMENT:	OFFICERS 15 CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS 17 E-6 AND BELOW 125 TOTAL 157

USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) COMMAND HISTORY

USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) is the fourth OHIO class nuclear powered fleet ballistic missile submarine and the third ship to bear the name of this grand state, one of the 13 original states of the Union.

The keel laying ceremony was presided over by First Lady Rosalyn Carter, wife of President Jimmy Carter, both Georgia natives. The ceremony took place the same day that the USS OHIO, the lead ship of the class, was launched. Mrs Carter's initials can still be seen on the ship's keel. The crew was formed in April of 1982, under the command of Captain Arland W. Kuester.

November 5th, 1982. GEORGIA was launched and christened by Mrs. Sheila Watkins.

On 11 February 1984, USS GEORGIA was commissioned at Naval Underwater Sound Center Commissioning Officer Admiral James D. Watkins, Chief of Naval Operations. Captain A. W. Kauderer Commanding Officer USS Georgia (BLUE). Captain Myron D. Gray Commanding Officer USS Georgia (GOLD).

- March to April 1984 shakedown and Trident C-4 missile launch.
- September 1984 Mk-48 Torpedo Certification.
- October 1984 transit through Panama Canal.
- November 1984 ship arrived at homeport Bangor, Washington.
- January 1985 first strategic patrol.
- First Meritorious Unit Commendation as an element of TASK UNIT 14.7.1 from September 1983 to May 1986.
- Second Meritorious Unit Commendation for Submarine Operations from February 1986 to August 1986.
- June 1987 Captain P. H. English relieved Captain L. J. Kramer as Commanding Officer of USS Georgia (BLUE).
- September 1987 Captain J. M. Rushing relieved Captain T. W. Turner as Commanding Officer of USS Georgia (GOLD).



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Encl: (1) Command History for 1987, USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729), Blue Crew

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded per reference (a).

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COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1987
USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729)
BLUE CREW

(C) The Blue Crew relieved the Gold Crew on 6 February 1987 and commenced the ship's ninth refit. Following this intense work period the ship departed for its ninth strategic deterrent patrol. The patrol was highlighted by a Tactical Readiness Evaluation and Torpedo Certification Proficiency in the Hawaiian Operating Areas which included exercises with USS OMAHA (SSN-692) and minefield operations.

(U) At the end of the patrol period the ship successfully completed a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection, which maintained the crew's certification to handle nuclear weapons.

(U) Following the completion of patrol nine, two junior officers qualified in submarines allowing the ship to continue flying the gold dolphin flag.

(U) The subsequent off-crew period was highlighted by Change of Command. Captain Robert H. English, USN relieved Captain Larry J. Kramer, USN as Commanding Officer of USS GEORGIA (BLUE) on 26 June 1987. The training period was completed on 7 August 1987 and the Blue Crew again relieved the Gold Crew on 14 August 1987 to begin refit 11.

(C) USS GEORGIA (BLUE) departed on patrol 11. The beginning of the patrol was highlighted by ASW exercises with USS OHIO (SSBN-726). At the completion of the patrol, the Blue Crew successfully completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).

(U) Following the completion of patrol 11, three junior officers qualified to wear the gold dolphin insignia, allowing the ship to continue flying the gold dolphin flag. The ship also qualified to fly the silver dolphin flag.

(U) The final part of 1987 was spent in off-ship training in preparation for the crew's next patrol.

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