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Subj: SUBMISSION OF USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (GOLD) COMMAND
HISTORY FROM 1 JANUARY 2001 TO 31 DECEMBER 2001

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Encl: (1) USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (GOLD) COMMAND HISTORY FROM 1
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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is
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USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (GOLD) COMMAND HISTORY
1 JANUARY 2001 TO 31 DECEMBER 2001

PART I: COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

A. MISSION: USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) is the fourth in the TRIDENT class of submarines designed to remain at sea for long periods, remaining undetected, and launch ballistic missiles as ordered by the National Command Authority. Capable of carrying 24 Trident I Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, it is designed and manned to remain on deterrent patrols of up to 90 days duration. Having a complement of 15 Officers and 150 enlisted personnel, it has some of the highest trained professionals in the U.S. Navy.

B. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) is operationally controlled by Commander, Submarine Squadron Seventeen (CSS-17) based at Submarine Base (SUBASE) Bangor, Washington.

C. COMMANDING OFFICER: CDR D. T. Norris, U.S. Navy

D. PERMANENT DUTY STATION: Submarine Base Bangor, Washington

PART II: CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. DATES OF MOVEMENTS / DEPLOYMENTS

Off-Crew 56	- 1 January 2001 to 24 February 2001
Refit 58	- 25 February 2001 to 05 April 2001
Patrol 57	- 06 April 2001 to 14 June 2001
Off-Crew 58	- 15 June 2001 to 08 October 2001
Refit 60	- 09 October 2001 to 07 November 2001
Patrol 59	- 08 November 2001 to 31 December 2001

B. EXERCISES AND OPERATIONS

Patrol 57

- Refresher Training (09-13 April 2001)
- Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE) (12-14 June 2001)
- Moor SUBASE Bangor, WA (14 June 2001)
- Turnover to USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (BLUE) (16 June 2001)

Patrol 59

- Refresher Training (13-16 November 2001)
- Weapons Load (30 November 2001)
- Strategic Readiness Evaluation (03-04 December 2001)
- Tactical Weapons Proficiency (05-06 December 2001)
- Port Visit San Diego, CA (07-12 December 2001)
- Moor SUBASE Bangor, WA (24 January 2002)
- Turnover to USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (BLUE) (26 January 2002)

E. MAJOR COMMAND AWARDS

- CSS-17 Battle Efficiency "E"
- CSS-17 Strategic "S"
- CSS-17 Engineering "E"
- CSS-17 Deck Seamanship "D"
- CSS-17 Medical "M"

PART III: NARRATIVE

The year began with USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (GOLD) completing off-crew 56.

Refit 58 began on 25 February 2001, with an exchange of command to the GOLD Crew. Throughout the rigorous four-week dry-docking refit period, numerous repairs, and maintenance work was conducted. Repairs included work done on the forward shaft seals, 400 Hz electrical distribution, numerous seawater system hull and backup valves, trash disposal unit, and exterior hull painting.

Patrol 57 began on 06 April 2001, with GEORGIA immediately beginning strategic operations. Upon release from this phase of duties, GEORGIA conducted routine underway training until return to port for repairs. After a 17-day voyage repair in port Bangor, GEORGIA proceeded to sea to continue Patrol 57.

GEORGIA conducted a 3-day Midshipman orientation operational cruise from 29-31 May 2001. Upon completion of Midshipman Ops, GEORGIA conducted an ORSE from 12-14 June 2001, then returned to port at Bangor, Washington on 14 June 2001.

Patrol 57 ended with an exchange of command to the BLUE Crew on 16 June 2001.

Off-Crew 58 began on 17 June 2001, and lasted until 08 October 2001. While the submarine is underway, the off crew serves as support staff for the underway vessel and embarked crew and conducts intensive strategic, operational, and professional in-rate training.

Refit 60 began on 09 October 2001, with an exchange of command to the GOLD Crew. Throughout the rigorous four-week refit period, numerous repairs, and maintenance work was conducted. Repairs included modifications to the ship's fire control system, repairs to both ship's service motor generator sets, and the ship's main drain system.

Patrol 59 began on 08 November 2001 and continued through the end of 2001. Immediately after Refresher Training, GEORGIA conducted acoustic trials near Ketchikan, Alaska and accomplished rigorous underway training to prepare for the Tactical Weapons Proficiency and Strategic Readiness Evaluation.

On 3 December 2001, GEORGIA participated in an intensive inspection phase, which included tactical and strategic inspections. At the end of December 2001, following several weeks of strategic operations, Patrol 59 continued through the end of 2001.

The superior results achieved by the crew throughout the year resulted in the award of the CSS-17 Battle Efficiency "E" award, the first in the ship's history.