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Subj: SUBMISSION OF USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) (GOLD) COMMAND
HISTORY FROM 1 JANUARY 2002 TO 31 DECEMBER 2002

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Encl: (1) USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) (GOLD) command history from
1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is
forwarded.

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J. W. TAMMEN, JR.

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USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) (GOLD) COMMAND HISTORY
1 JANUARY 2002 TO 31 DECEMBER 2002

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 J. W. Tammen Jr., U.S. Navy

D. PERMANENT DUTY STATION: Submarine Base Bangor, Washington

PART II: CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. DATES OF MOVEMENTS / DEPLOYMENTS

Patrol 59	- 1 January 2002 to 24 January 2002
Off-Crew 60	- 25 January 2002 to 09 May 2002
Refit 62	- 10 May 2002 to 12 June 2002
Patrol 61	- 13 June 2002 to 1 September 2002
Off-Crew 62	- 2 September 2002 to 23 December 2002
Refit 64	- 24 December 2002 to 31 December 2002

B. EXERCISES AND OPERATIONS

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)

Patrol 61

- Refresher Training (17-21 June 2002)
- Kiloex (24-25 June 2002)
- Strategic Communication Readiness Exercise (26 June 2002)
- COMPTUX (21-24 July 2002)
- CORTRAMID (22 July - 25 July 2002)
- Port Visit San Diego, CA (26-29 July 2002)
- CORTRAMID (30 July - 02 August 2002)
- Port Visit San Diego, CA (03-05 August 2002)
- CORTRAMID (06-09 August 2002)
- Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE) and Supply Management Inspection (SMI) (26-28 August 2002)
- Moor SUBASE Bangor, WA (30 August 2002)
- Turnover to USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (BLUE) (1 September 2002)

E. MAJOR COMMAND AWARDS

- CSS-17 Engineering "E"
- CSS-17 Deck Seamanship "D"
- COMSUBPAC Trident Submarine Outstanding Award (Best Trident)

PART III: NARRATIVE

The year began with USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) (GOLD) completing patrol 59.

Patrol 59 ended with an exchange of command to the BLUE Crew on 26 January 2002.

Off-Crew 60 began on 27 January 2002, and lasted until 09 May 2002. 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 62 began on 10 May 2002, 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: High Pressure Air Compressors,

Auxiliary Sea Water Piping, Diesel Repairs, Emergency Blow Piping, and the ship's main drain system.

Patrol 61 began on 13 June 2002 and lasted until 30 August 2002. Immediately after Refresher Training, GEORGIA accomplished rigorous underway training to prepare for the Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE) and Supply Management Inspection (SMI).

GEORGIA conducted Midshipman orientation operational cruises from 22 July - 09 August 2002. Upon completion of Midshipman Ops, GEORGIA conducted an ORSE from 26-28 August 2002, then returned to port at Bangor, Washington on 29 August 2002.

Patrol 61 ended with an exchange of command to the BLUE Crew on 1 September 2002.

Off-Crew 62 began on 02 September 2002 and lasted until 18 December 2002. 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 64 began on 24 December 2002 and lasted to the end of 2002. Throughout the rigorous refit period, numerous repairs, and maintenance work was conducted. Repairs included: Diesel Governor, Nuclear Instrumentation, Ship Service Hydraulic Plant, Ships Laundry, Trash Compactor, and the ship's Main Drain System.