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Encl: (1) 1990 Historical Data for USS HONOLULU (SSN 718)

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted for inclusion in the historical package of USS HONOLULU (SSN718).

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The year started with the USS HONOLULU conducting local operations and two months of Research and Development (R&D) operations. In February the ship underwent a Tactical Readiness Evaluation for which the ship received a grade of Average. March was another busy month including several local operations and a short upkeep.

In May, HONOLULU continued preparation for a two month Northern Pacific deployment, and was underway the last week in May. HONOLULU returned at the end of July after a very successful deployment, and immediately began preparations for upcoming Prospective Commanding Officer (PCO) Operations and an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination ORSE).

August began with PCO Operations through the third week of the month. The USS GURNARD was the adversarial submarine for the operations. PCO Operations were considered very successful.

After PCO Operations the ship concentrated its training underway to prepare for an upcoming ORSE scheduled for September. The two day exam was a test of the crew's knowledge in operations and casualty control involving a nuclear propulsion plant as well as a thorough review of administrative records. The ship received an overall grade of Above Average for the examination.

For her consistently outstanding efforts during the year, HONOLULU received Submarine Squadron SEVEN's Battle Efficiency "E" Award for fiscal year 1990.

In October the ship entered Pearl Harbor's floating drydock, USS COMPETENT for a two month Selected Restricted Availability. During this two month upkeep the ship completed several system upgrades and hull preservation and maintenance.

In December after completing sea trials and shakedown cruise, the ship's crew stood down for the Christmas holiday period.