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1. Enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted in accordance with reference (a).


D. M. NEES

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. **USS HOUSTON'S MISSION:** USS HOUSTON (SSN 713) is a Los Angeles Class nuclear powered fast attack submarine that was designed primarily as a high speed escort for carrier task forces. She supports national military objectives with the ability to carry the fight to the enemy at sea or on land with torpedoes and cruise missiles. Because of her stealth, HOUSTON is the ideal platform for missions such as Anti-Submarine Warfare, Anti-Surface Warfare, Strike Warfare, Mine Warfare, Special Forces Operations, Intelligence gathering and Search and Rescue.
2. **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:** USS HOUSTON is one of eight Los Angeles class nuclear-powered submarines attached to Squadron Eleven, homeported in San Diego, California. USS HOUSTON's Immediate Senior in Command (ISIC) is Commander, Submarine Squadron Eleven, Captain JOHN W. GREENERT.
3. **COMMANDING OFFICER PROFILE:** USS HOUSTON is commanded by DALE M. NEES, Commander, USN. Commander NEES, a native of [REDACTED] graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1979. He relieved as the Commanding Officer of USS HOUSTON on 5 May 1995.

USS HOUSTON (SSN 713)

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1995

01 JAN - 18 JAN	INPORT SAN DIEGO; POST DEPLOYMENT STAND DOWN
19 JAN - 23 JAN	INDEPENDENT STEAMING EXERCISES
24 JAN - 09 MAR	INPORT SAN DIEGO; UPKEEP PERIOD
10 MAR - 16 MAR	SEA TRIALS; TOMAHAWK/HARPOON OPERATIONS
17 MAR - 23 MAR	INPORT SAN DIEGO; UPKEEP PERIOD
24 MAR - 03 APR	KERNAL BLITZ COORDINATED EXERCISE
04 APR - 06 APR	ANTI-SUBMARINE EXERCISES
07 APR - 09 APR	INPORT SAN FRANCISCO
10 APR - 11 APR	TRANSIT TO SAN DIEGO
12 APR - 27 APR	INPORT SAN DIEGO; UPKEEP PERIOD
28 APR - 30 APR	UNDERWAY FOR LOCAL OPERATIONS
01 MAY - 04 MAY	INPORT SAN DIEGO; UPKEEP PERIOD
05 MAY	CHANGE OF COMMAND, COMMANDER DALE M. NEES RELIEVES AS COMMANDING OFFICER
06 MAY - 17 MAY	UNDERWAY FOR TACTICAL WARFARE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (TWTCP) EVALUATION
18 MAY - 25 JUN	INPORT SAN DIEGO; UPKEEP PERIOD
26 JUN - 29 JUN	UNDERWAY FOR SEA TRIALS
30 JUN - 05 JUL	INPORT SAN DIEGO; UPKEEP PERIOD
06 JUL - 10 JUL	TRANSIT TO SEAFAC, ALASKA
11 JUL - 18 JUL	SOUND TRIALS AT SEAFAC, ALASKA
19 JUL - 23 JUL	TRANSIT TO SAN FRANCISCO
24 JUL - 28 JUL	PORT VISIT SAN FRANCISCO

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1995

29 JUL - 01 AUG	TRANSIT TO SAN DIEGO
02 AUG - 11 SEP	INPORT SAN DIEGO; SPRUCE
12 SEP - 13 SEP	SEA TRIALS
14 SEP - 18 SEP	INPORT SAN DIEGO; UPKEEP PERIOD
19 SEP - 12 OCT	TRANSIT TO BANGOR, WASHINGTON
13 OCT - 16 OCT	INPORT BANGOR, WASHINGTON
17 OCT - 18 OCT	TRANSIT TO SEAFAC, ALASKA
19 OCT - 22 OCT	SOUND TRIALS AT SEAFAC, ALASKA
23 OCT - 26 OCT	TRANSIT TO SAN DIEGO
27 OCT - 17 NOV	UNDERWAY FOR LOCAL OPERATIONS
17 NOV - 05 DEC	COMBAT SYSTEMS READINESS REVIEW
06 DEC - 09 DEC	LOGISTICS READINESS EVALUATION
10 DEC - 31 DEC	INPORT SAN DIEGO; UPKEEP PERIOD

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COMMAND NARRATIVE

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19 JAN - 23 JAN. INDEPENDENT STEAMING EXERCISE - The ship provided Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) services while emphasizing basic submarining and crew training in the local Southern California Operating Areas (SOCAL OPAREA's).

10 MAR - 16 MAR. SEA TRIALS; TOMAHAWK/HARPOON OPERATIONS - Conducted at sea training and certification encompassing loading, stowage and employment of both the Tomahawk land attack missile and the Harpoon anti-ship missile.

24 MAR - 03 APR. KERNAL BLITZ COORDINATED EXERCISE - An exercise integrating Special Operations Forces (SOF) from SEAL Team Three and the USS Nimitz Battle group. Conducted in the SOCAL OPAREA's, this exercise emphasized covert delivery and recovery of SOF in support of the Battle Group's From the Sea training objectives. The exercise was a total success with many lessons learned, especially in the area of communications and mission preparation and greatly enhanced HOUSTON's ability to become an integral player in SOF mission planning execution.

04 APR - 06 APR. ANTI-SUBMARINE EXERCISES - Conducted three days of opportunistic ASW training. Each watchsection was exercised in the localization and tracking of a hostile contact. Crew training and qualifications were also emphasized.

28 APR - 30 APR. UNDERWAY FOR LOCAL OPERATIONS - Provided ASW services while emphasizing basic submarining and crew training in the local SOCAL OPAREA's.

06 MAY - 17 MAY. - TACTICAL WARFARE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (TWTCP) - Demonstrated the full range of tactical warfare capabilities during an underway TWTCP Evaluation. HOUSTON demonstrated proficiency in employing all tactical weapons against simulated hostile surface and submarine targets.

11 JUL - 18 JUL. SOUND TRIALS AT SEAFAC, ALASKA - Conducted acoustic monitoring of Houston's sound signature. This involved numerous equipment line-ups and ship control parameters. Precise ship handling coupled with extremely accurate navigation were required to successfully complete the agenda. Extensive pre-arrival training was conducted using COMSUBPAC OPORD 201.

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COMMAND NARRATIVE

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02 AUG - 11 SEP. INPORT SAN DIEGO; SCHEDULED PRESERVATION UPKEEP COORDINATED EFFORT (SPRUCE) - Accomplished every two years, this dedicated event completely preserved major spaces throughout the ship ensuring maximum material readiness. Advanced and thorough planning yielded superior results.

19 OCT - 22 OCT. SOUND TRIALS AT SEAFAC, ALASKA - Conducted additional acoustic monitoring of Houston's sound signature. Scheduled testing was completed ahead of schedule.

27 OCT - 17 NOV. UNDERWAY FOR LOCAL OPERATIONS - Provided ASW services while emphasizing qualifications and crew training in the local SOCAL OPAREA's.

17 NOV - 05 DEC. COMBAT SYSTEMS READINESS REVIEW - An extensive operational inspection of all fire control systems to ensure 100% reliability. This inspection is conducted by ships force and monitored by certified civilian technicians who are responsible for the Planned Maintenance System in effect.

06 DEC - 09 DEC. LOGISTICS READINESS EVALUATION (LRE) - An inspection conducted by the Type Commander to evaluate the Supply Department's ability to support Mission Critical areas.

10 DEC - 31 DEC. INPORT SAN DIEGO; UPKEEP PERIOD - Conducted the first of two scheduled Pre-Overseas Movement upkeeps. Completed numerous repairs and alterations.