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Ref: (a) COMSUBLANTINST 5400.4L
(b) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

Encl: (1) Command History for 1989

1. The 1989 Command History for USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709), enclosure (1), is submitted in accordance with references (a) and (b).


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In early January, RICKOVER continued the transit to the Mediterranean in company with the THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group. The transit and subsequent operations in the Mediterranean proved to be very successful. In addition to seven special operations and several exercises, the ship completed three upkeep periods in La Maddalena, Italy and made port calls in Toulon, France; Ashdod, Israel; and Naples, Italy. In Israel, RICKOVER hosted the Israeli CNO, Admiral Micah Ram, on board for a tour and briefing.

RICKOVER'S highly successful deployment included winning the COMSIXTHFLT "Hook'em" Award for ASW excellence. Commander Submarine Force Mediterranean lauded RICKOVER's performance by terming RICKOVER "the TOP Submarine in the Mediterranean during the period of her deployment" and stated that "RICKOVER set the standard by which other submarines in the Mediterranean are being measured." After departing the Mediterranean on 17 May, RICKOVER successfully opposed the Mediterranean-bound AMERICA Battle Group south of the Azores. The ship then conducted an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) enroute from Bermuda to Norfolk receiving an overall grade of ABOVE AVERAGE, and returned to homeport on 27 May.

RICKOVER subsequently enjoyed a two week stand down followed by a demanding five week maintenance period which included complete ship's service battery changeout. After a two day at-sea shakedown period, the ship returned to Norfolk and successfully completed a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI) on 25-26 July with grades of EXCELLENT and OUTSTANDING in all areas.

RICKOVER spent the next four weeks performing training operations for USNA Second Class Midshipman at AUTEK at Andros Island, BI. The ship completed a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) on 22-23 August with an overall grade of ABOVE AVERAGE and was designated by COMSUBLANT as a TRE "Top Performer." RICKOVER provided services to USN and USCG surface ships in the Guantanamo Bay Operating Areas, arrived in St. Croix, USVI on 29 August for two days of liberty, and participated in FLEETEX 4-89.

The ship returned to Norfolk on 8 September for a three week maintenance period. In October, RICKOVER participated in exercises with the EISENHOWER Battle Group, conducted a three day port visit in Port Canaveral, Florida and commenced a nominal sixty day Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) conducted by Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

For USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER'S performance during FY 1989, the ship was awarded the Submarine Squadron EIGHT Engineering Red "E" and ASW/Operations White "A". RICKOVER was also featured in the Public Broadcasting documentary "Submarine: Steel Boats, Iron Men."

Enclosure (1)

PORT VISITS DURING 1989 ARE LISTED BELOW:

La Maddalena, Italy	3-9 February
La Maddalena, Italy	6-13 March
Toulon, France	15-20 March
Ashdod, Israel	10-14 April
Naples, Italy	19-24 April
La Maddalena, Italy	25 April-12 May
St. Croix, USVI	29-31 August
Port Canaveral, Florida	7-10 October

COMMAND ORGANIZATION:

CDR B. S. LEMKIN	Commanding Officer
LCDR D. M. BAKER, JR.	Executive Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]	Engineer Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]	Weapons Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Navigator
LTJG [REDACTED]	Supply Officer
MMCM(SS) T. C. YARBROUGH	Chief of the Boat