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Encl: (1) Command History for 1992

1. The 1992 Command History for USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) is submitted in accordance with references (a) and (b).

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ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1992

1. Command Composition and Organization.

a. Mission: USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) is a nuclear powered fast attack submarine of the LOS ANGELES (SSN 688) Class. Her principal mission is to operate against enemy submarines and surface ships.

b. Immediate Senior Command - Commander Submarine Squadron Eight

c. Homeport - Norfolk, VA

d. Command Organization:

CDR J. J. DONNELLY	Commanding Officer
LCDR T. M. GIARDINA	Executive Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]	Engineer Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Weapons Officer
LT [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]	Navigator/Operations Officer
ENS. [REDACTED]	Supply Officer
MMCS(SS) D. L. HAMM	Chief of the Boat

2. Chronology.

a. Significant Events:

06-20 January	At sea training
21-31 January	Offload ship for Depot Modernization Period (DMP)
03-17 February	Pre DMP restricted availability
01 Mar - 31 Dec	Depot Modernization Period conducted at Norfolk Naval Shipyard

3. Narrative.

RICKOVER conducted services in early January supporting the pre deployment workup of a Squadron Eight SSN with follow on services to the Operational Testing and Evaluation of the USS Arliegh Burke (DDG 51).

On 31 January RICKOVER drydocked at Drydock Two at Norfolk Naval Shipyard and commenced preparations for a Depot Modernization Period. A Scheduled Preservation Upkeep Coordinated Effort (SPRUCE) was conducted from 3-17 Feb. During the availability, the ship received numerous upgrades in the Combat Systems and Navigation areas which included the BQQ-5D sonar system, the Thinline Towed Array installation, Special Hull Treatment, Near Term Radio Room improvements, Electrostatic Suspended Gyro Navigation (ESGN) and the WLR-9 EC 18. Additionally, many upgrades to the Engineering spaces and propulsion plant were accomplished.

The ship completed the major milestones of Cold Operations, Hot Operations, Post Overhaul Reactor Safeguards Examination, and critical reactor plant testing. The critical reactor plant testing was conducted in record time for a 688 DMP at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. The crew was able to enjoy the Christmas holidays with family and friends before the New Year.

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