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From: Commanding Officer, USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709)
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Subj: ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1999

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Encl: (1) Command History for 1999
(2) Commanding Officer biography
(3) Commanding Officer photograph
(4) Ship's Welcome Aboard pamphlet
(5) Ship's photograph
(6) 3.5 disk with Command History (MS Word 7.0 and
ASC II format)

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are submitted.

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ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1999

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 employing the MK-48 ADCAP Torpedo, conduct cruise missile strikes against land targets and other operations that rely on the inherent stealth of the submarine.

b. Immediate Senior in Command: Commander, Submarine Squadron EIGHT

c. Homeport: Norfolk, Virginia

d. UIC: 20885

e. Command Organization:

R. E. SCHUETZ	CDR	COMMANDING OFFICER (D)
P. H. YOUNG	CDR	COMMANDING OFFICER (R)
R. V. GENOBLE	LCDR	EXECUTIVE OFFICER (D)
B. J. JAMES III	LCDR	EXECUTIVE OFFICER (R)
[REDACTED]	LCDR	NAVIGATOR/OPERATIONS OFFICER
[REDACTED]	LCDR	ENGINEERING OFFICER
[REDACTED]	LT	WEAPONS OFFICER (D)
[REDACTED]	LT	WEAPONS OFFICER (R)
[REDACTED]	LCDR	SUPPLY OFFICER (D)
[REDACTED]	ENS	SUPPLY OFFICER (R)
J. F. JACKSON III	MMCS	CHIEF OF THE BOAT (D)
J. R. SCHUBERT	ETCS	CHIEF OF THE BOAT (R)

2. Chronology.

a. Significant Events:

01 JAN - 06 APR	SELECTED RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD
07 APR - 21 APR	SEA TRIALS VCOAS; ASW SERVICES NBOAS; OPERATIONAL REACTOR SAFEGUARDS EXAMINATION VCOAS
22 APR - 26 APR	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
27 APR - 30 APR	ASW SERVICES VCOAS
01 MAY - 02 MAY	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
03 MAY - 07 MAY	COMBAT SYSTEMS READINESS REVIEW NORFOLK, VA
08 MAY - 09 MAY	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
10 MAY - 14 MAY	DEDICATED TRAINING WEEK NORFOLK, VA
15 MAY - 17 MAY	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
17 MAY	BOARD OF INSPECTION AND SURVEY INSPECTION NORFOLK, VA
18 MAY - 19 MAY	BOARD OF INSPECTION AND SURVEY INSPECTION VCOAS
20 MAY	BOARD OF INSPECTION AND SURVEY INSPECTION NORFOLK, VA
21 MAY - 29 JUN	INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY UPKEEP NORFOLK, VA
29 JUN - 02 JUL	SEA TRIALS VCOAS
03 JUL - 07 JUL	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
08 JUL	CHANGE OF COMMAND NORFOLK, VA
09 JUL - 12 JUL	ENROUTE GROTON, CT/TIGER CRUISE
12 JUL - 24 JUL	PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING GROTON, CT
24 JUL - 05 AUG	BASIC SCENARIOS VCOAS

06 AUG - 13 SEP	INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY UPKEEP NORFOLK, VA
13 SEP - 18 SEP	UNDERWAY TRAINING VCOAS
19 SEP - 26 SEP	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
27 SEP - 04 OCT	FLEET ACOUSTIC SOUND TRIALS AUTEK, ANDROS ISLAND
05 OCT - 11 OCT	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
12 OCT - 20 OCT	UNDERWAY TRAINING I/II VCOAS
21 OCT - 26 OCT	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
27 OCT - 03 NOV	POM WORK UP and UNDERWAY TRAINING VCOAS
04 NOV - 14 NOV	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
15 NOV - 23 NOV	POM CERTIFICATION and UNDERWAY TRAINING III VCOAS
24 NOV - 28 NOV	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
29 NOV - 06 DEC	UNDERWAY TRAINING III and ORE VCOAS
07 DEC - 09 DEC	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
10 DEC - 31 DEC	NORTH ATLANTIC DEPLOYMENT

b. Port Visits: 12 JUL - 24 JUL PORT VISIT GROTON, CT

c. VCOAS - Virginia Capes Operating Areas

NBOAS - Narragansett Bay Operating Areas

POM - Pre-Overseas Movement

ASW - Anti- Submarine Warfare

ORE - Operational Readiness Evaluation

3. Narrative.

USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER began the year with an arduous Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) in Norfolk Naval Shipyard. This availability will be the last shipyard availability

scheduled prior to the ships refueling overhaul scheduled for 2003. The ship completed several minor ship alterations, however no significant tactical or combat related systems were modified during the shipyard period.

Upon completion of SRA the ship transited to the Narragansett Bay Operating Areas (NBOAS) to provide services for various ships of the Atlantic Fleet. Upon completion of services in the NBOAs, RICKOVER returned to Norfolk to embark a team from the Nuclear Propulsion Examination Board on 20 April. The Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination was conducted in the Virginia Capes Operating Areas (VCOAS).

RICKOVER spent the majority of May and June in port in Norfolk. May began with a Combat Systems Readiness review and a dedicated inport training week. Both were in preparation for the upcoming North Atlantic deployment scheduled to begin in December. Following the dedicated training week, the ship underwent an inspection from the board of Inspections and Survey (INSURV). The INSURV inspection was conducted pier side in Norfolk and underway in the VCOAs. The ship then entered the first of two pre-deployment upkeep periods, conducted by the new Regional Support Group and Ship Intermediate Maintenance Activity in Norfolk. The upkeep stretched through May and June.

Also in June, CDR Peter H. Young arrived from the Atlantic Fleet Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team as the Prospective Commanding Officer. Following a 4-day sea trial period, on 8 July CDR Young relieved CDR Schuetz as Commanding Officer of RICKOVER. CDR Schuetz accepted orders to become the Atlantic Fleet Submarine Prospective Commanding Officer Instructor.

RICKOVER left Norfolk the next day with 15 Tiger Cruisers onboard for a 2-day transit to Groton, CT. Upon reaching Groton, all tigers were safely returned to their homes and the ship began a two-week pre-deployment training period at the Naval Submarine School.

Upon completion of Pre-Deployment Training in Groton, the ship departed for the VCOAs to participate in Basic Training Scenarios, both as an orange and a blue submarine. Basic Training Scenarios lasted through 5 August, when the ship returned to Norfolk to begin the second pre-deployment upkeep period.

During the August/September upkeeps, RICKOVER completed all temporary alteration installations and final repairs for the Pre-Oversea Movement work-ups and certification. RICKOVER then conducted the first of three underway training periods in the

Virginia Capes Operating areas (VCOAS). After a short inport period RICKOVER transited to the Atlantic Fleet Acoustic Trails Range at Andros Island in the Caribbean Sea for Fleet Acoustic Sound Trials.

The ship completed sound trials and returned to Norfolk for final training and load-out for deployment. Two additional underway training periods and an Operational Readiness Evaluation were completed along with a Pre-Overseas Movement work-up and certification. USS RICKOVER commenced a Northern Atlantic deployment in December of 1999 and was at sea through the New Year.