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Encl: (1) Command History for 2000
(2) Commanding Officer biography
(3) Ship's Welcome Aboard pamphlet
(4) 3.5 disk with Command History (MS Word 6.0 format)

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.

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ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2000

1. Command Composition and Organization.

a. Mission: USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) (UIC: 20885) is a nuclear powered fast attack submarine of the LOS ANGELES (SSN 688) Class. Her principal missions are to operate against enemy submarines and surface ships, to 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. Command Organization:

P. H. YOUNG	CDR	COMMANDING OFFICER
R. V. JAMES III	LCDR	EXECUTIVE OFFICER
████████████████████	LCDR	NAVIGATOR/OPERATIONS OFFICER
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██████ ██████████	LTJG	SUPPLY OFFICER
J. R. SCHUBERT	ETCM	CHIEF OF THE BOAT

2. Chronology.

a. Significant Events:

01 JAN - 16 FEB	NORTHERN ATLANTIC DEPLOYMENT
17 FEB - 21 FEB	PORT VISIT BERGEN NORWAY
22 FEB - 01 MAR	ENROUTE FASLANE SCOTLAND
02 MAR - 15 MAR	INPORT FASLANE SCOTLAND FOR UPKEEP

Encl (1)

16 MAR - 05 APR	DEPLOYED NORTH ATLANTIC
06 APR - 07 APR	PORT VISIT TROMSO NORWAY FOR REPAIRS
08 APR - 17 MAY	DEPLOYED NORTH ATLANTIC
18 MAY - 22 MAY	INPORT WILHELMSHAVEN GERMANY
23 MAY - 06 JUN	ENROUTE BERMUDA
06 JUN - 06 JUN	PERSONNEL TRANSFER BERMUDA
07 JUN - 09 JUN	ENR NORFOLK/OPERATIONAL REACTOR SAFEGUARDS EXAMINATION (ORSE)
10 JUN - 17 JUL	INPORT NORFOLK VA FOR STANDDOWN AND UPKEEP
18 JUL - 21 JUL	TIGER CRUISE VIRGINIA CAPES OPERATING AREAS (VCOAS)
22 JUL - 28 AUG	INPORT NORFOLK VA FOR UPKEEP
29 AUG - 01 SEP	INDEPENDENT STEAMING - VCOAS
02 SEP - 05 SEP	INPORT NORFOLK VA
06 SEP - 16 SEP	INDEPENDENT STEAMING - VCOAS/ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE OPERATIONS - NARRAGANSETT BAY OPERATING AREAS
17 SEP - 20 SEP	ENROUTE PORT CANAVERAL FL
21 SEP - 21 SEP	PERSONNEL TRANSFER - PORT CANAVERAL FL
21 SEP - 24 SEP	TACTICAL READINESS EVALUATION AND TORPEDO PROFICIENCY - AUTEC
25 SEP - 27 SEP	ENROUTE NORFOLK VA
28 SEP - 05 DEC	INPORT NORFOLK VA FOR UPKEEP
05 DEC - 07 DEC	INDEPENDENT STEAMING - VIRGINIA CAPES OPERATING AREAS

08 DEC - 10 DEC	INPORT NORFOLK VA
11 DEC - 16 DEC	UNDERWAY OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF USS HAMPTON - VIRGINIA CAPES OPERATING AREAS
17 DEC - 31 DEC	INPORT NORFOLK VA

b. Port Visits:

17 FEB - 21 FEB	PORT VISIT BERGEN NORWAY
02 MAR - 15 MAR	PORT VISIT FASLANE SCOTLAND
06 APR - 07 APR	PORT VISIT TROMSO NORWAY
18 MAY - 22 MAY	PORT VISIT WILHELMSHAVEN GERMANY

3. Narrative.

a. USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER was deployed to the Northern Atlantic conducting independent operations from January to June 2000. Port visits for crew relaxation were conducted in Bergen, Norway, in February and Wilhelmshaven, Germany, in May. A two week maintenance availability port visit was conducted in Faslane, Scotland, in March and a short port visit to Tromso, Norway, was conducted in April to effect repairs to the ship's sonar system. During the return transit from deployment, RICKOVER conducted a personnel transfer off Bermuda to embark the Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) Board. An ORSE was conducted during the transit from Bermuda to Norfolk. A grade of Average was achieved.

b. USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER spent the majority of June, July, and August inport Norfolk for crew standdown and a maintenance upkeep. One underway in the local operating areas was conducted from 18 - 21 July for crew proficiency. This underway was also a Tiger Cruise which enabled 16 family members from the crew to ride the ship.

c. USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER conducted Independent Steaming in the Virginia Capes Operating Areas from 29 August - 01 September to shakedown the ship following the August upkeep. The ship got underway to provide services for other Atlantic fleet units on 06 September. On September 21 USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER conducted a personnel transfer in Cape Canaveral Florida to embark the Atlantic Fleet Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team. The Tactical

Readiness Evaluation was conducted enroute to the Atlantic Underwater Testing and Evaluation Center (AUTEK). Upon reaching AUTEK, the ship completed a tactical weapons certification and a Tactical Readiness Evaluation. A grade of Above Average was received for the Tactical Readiness Evaluation. The ship returned to Norfolk on 27 September.

d. During the months of October and November a major maintenance availability was completed. The ship's sonar system was upgraded with the installation of Acoustic Rapid COTS Insertion (ARCI) Phase II and the ship's communications equipment was upgraded with the installation of Base Band Switching. USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER completed upkeep in early December and conducted one week of independent steaming in the local operating areas for crew proficiency and one week underway providing services for the USS HAMPTON.

f. The ship conducted standdown for the holidays from 16 December thru 31 December.

g. For the ship's sustained superior performance, USS HYMAN G RICKOVER was awarded the COMSUBRON EIGHT Tactical (T) and the Navigation Red and Green (E) for the year 2000 and received the Intelligence Community Seal Medallion for meritorious service.