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USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709)

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From: Commanding Officer, USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709)  
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Subj: ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2002

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Encl: (1) Command History for 2002  
(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 6.0 format)

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

  
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ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2002

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, 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, VA

d. Command Organization:

K. L. GRAY	CDR	COMMANDING OFFICER
R. R. BRYANT	LCDR	EXECUTIVE OFFICER
[REDACTED]	LCDR	ENGINEERING OFFICER
[REDACTED]	LT	NAVIGATOR/OPERATIONS OFFICER
[REDACTED]	LCDR	WEAPONS OFFICER (RELIEVED)
[REDACTED]	LT	WEAPONS OFFICER (RELIEVING)
[REDACTED]	LTJG	SUPPLY OFFICER
J. O. SHUBERT	ETCM(SS)	CHIEF OF THE BOAT (RELIEVED)
R. P. DINGMANN	STSCS(SS)	CHIEF OF THE BOAT (RELIEVING)

e. Number of personnel assigned to the command:  
15 Officers, 138 Enlisted

2. Chronology.

Significant Events:

01 Jan - 28 Jan	Deployment operations
28 Jan - 05 Feb	Port visit Bergen, Norway
05 Feb - 13 Mar	Deployment operations
13 Mar - 18 Mar	Port visit Faslane, Scotland
18 Mar - 30 Mar	Transit/deployment operations to Cape Canaveral, FL
30 Mar - 03 Apr	ISE CCNVLOAS/ORSE workup
03 Apr - 03 Apr	BSP Cape Canaveral/ORSE team embarked
03 Apr - 05 Apr	Transit to Norfolk, VA conducting ORSE enroute
05 Apr - 14 Jun	Returned from deployment/inport Norfolk, VA standdown and upkeep

Significant Events: (continued)

07 Jun	Change of command P. H. Young relieved as Commanding Officer by K. L. GRAY, CDR, USN
14 Jun - 20 Jun	Underway ISE/USS PHILADELPHIA TRE workup
20 Jun - 24 Jun	Inport Cape Canaveral, FL
24 Jun - 30 Jun	TRE with PHILADELPHIA CCNVLOAS
30 Jun - 03 Jul	Transit to Norfolk, VA
03 Jul - 09 Jul	Inport Norfolk.
06 Jul - 19 Jul	VCOAS for ISE.
19 Jul - 23 Jul	Inport
23 Jul - 25 Jul	ISE VCOAS
25 Jul - 07 Aug	Inport Norfolk
07 Aug - 15 Aug	Transit AUTEK for TRE support and ISE. Transit back to Norfolk
15 Aug - 22 Aug	Inport Norfolk
22 Aug - 04 Dec	Norfolk Naval Shipyard for Interim Dry Docking (IDD)
04 Dec - 31 Dec	Inport Norfolk, Christmas Standdown and IDD

b. Port Visits:

28 Jan - 05 Feb	Port visit Bergen, Norway
13 Mar - 18 Mar	Port visit Faslane, Scotland
20 Jun - 24 Jun	Port visit Cape Canaveral, FL

3. Narrative.

USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) began the year in a deployed status with a port visit to Bergen, Norway, and later in March to Faslane, Scotland. RICKOVER transited across the Atlantic to Cape Canaveral, FL where it conducted a personnel transfer for the Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) Team. From there it transited to Norfolk conducting the ORSE enroute, still in a deployment status.

Upon complication of ORSE, RICKOVER arrived in Norfolk, VA ending her deployment 5 April 2002. RICKOVER was inport for standdown and upkeep until late June.

On June 7, 2002, Commander Peter H. Young was relieved as Commanding Officer by Commander Kenneth L. Gray. USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER spent the majority of June, July and August conducting weekly operations in the Virginia Capes Operating Areas, and Tactical Readiness Evaluation support in AUTEK.

The ship was in Norfolk Naval Shipyard August through December for Interim Drydocking (IDD).

USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER's (SSN 709) sustained superior performance was recognized when it was awarded the COMSUBRON EIGHT Battle Efficiency "E" Award and the Red and Green Navigational "N" for the year 2002 and the COMLANTFLT Golden Anchor Award for Retention.