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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) Command Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(2) 3 1/2" Disk

1. Per reference (a), the following information is provided:

2. Command Composition and Organization:

- a. USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) (GOLD) (48586)
- b. Strategic Missile Nuclear Submarine
- c. ISIC: Commander, Submarine Squadron 16
- d. Commander William R. Borger and Commander David G. Ruff
- e. Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay
1050 USS GEORGIA Avenue
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3. Chronology:

- a. Completed Pre-deployment Training Period Two (December 1998 - January 1999).
- b. Completed Refit during February 1999.
- c. Completed Strategic Deterrent Patrol Three (March - May 1999).
- d. Completed Pre-Deployment Training Period Four (May - August 1999).
- e. Completed Refit during September 1999.
- f. Completed Strategic Deterrent Patrol Five (October 1999 - January 2000).

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4. Narrative:

a. On 03 February 1999, USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) completed Pre-deployment Training Period Two and on 04 February 1999 the Gold Crew relieved the Blue Crew. During the Month of February LOUISIANA (GOLD) completed Refit. In early March, USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) conducted a 4-day refresher training, preparing for Strategic Deterrent Patrol Three. In mid March USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) got underway for Patrol Three. USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) conducted the following significant events during Patrol Three:

(1) Alert Strategic Deterrent Patrol in support of National Tasking.

(2) [REDACTED].

(3) Mini-Demonstration and Shakedown Operations (DASO).

(4) Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).

b. In Mid-May, the Gold Crew was relieved by the Blue Crew and the Gold Crew commenced the Pre-deployment Training Period from June until September 1999 in preparation for Patrol Five. In August, Commander Ruff relieved Commander Borger as Commanding Officer.

c. In mid September the Gold Crew relieved the Blue Crew. Following a Refit in late October, USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) got underway for Patrol Five. USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) conducted the following significant events during Patrol Five:

(1) Alert Strategic Deterrent Patrol in support of National Tasking.

(2) Mediterranean Sea Patrol.

(3) Port visit in Souda Bay, Crete from 12 - 16 December.

5. Supporting Documents. Enclosure (1) is provided giving the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer biographies and miscellaneous information on USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) and its mission.


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