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1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

  
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**USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) COMMAND HISTORY 1997**

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## COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. **MISSION STATEMENT.** USS LOUISVILLE's mission is to provide a formidable platform which can operate independently or in support of a carrier battle group to protect the interests of the United States and its allies. Tactical employment roles include Anti-Submarine Warfare, Anti-Surface Warfare, Strike Warfare, Intelligence and Warning and Special Forces Warfare - all can be accomplished while remaining submerged and undetected.

2. **HISTORY STATEMENT.** The USS LOUISVILLE is the thirty-fifth LOS ANGELES class submarine to enter the submarine fleet. USS LOUISVILLE was constructed by the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut. USS LOUISVILLE is named for the city of Louisville, Kentucky and is the fourth United States Ship to bear this name. Major milestones in the new construction period of the ship were as follows:

Keel Laid	-	16 September 1984
Launched	-	14 December 1985
Commissioned	-	08 November 1986

The ship's sponsor is Mrs. Betty Ann McKee, wife of retired Admiral Kinnaird R. McKee, former Director of Naval Nuclear Propulsion.

3. **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE.** The USS LOUISVILLE is one of the units under the responsibility of Commander Submarine Squadron THREE at Naval Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On board, the Commanding Officer is assisted in carrying out the ship's mission by the Executive Officer, four Department Heads, eight Division Officers and a crew of 130.

4. **NAME OF COMMANDING OFFICER/DATE ASSUMED COMMAND.** Commander Joseph E. Skinner, U.S. Navy/03 July 1996

5. **HOME PORT OF SHIP.** USS LOUISVILLE is currently home ported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) CHRONOLOGY FOR 1997

DATE      EVENT

JANUARY

061301 Underway for local operations  
101608 Moored for upkeep

FEBUARY

141029 Underway for local operations  
211043 Moored  
241415 Underway for local operations

MARCH

051208 Moored  
060756 Underway for ORSE  
121812 Moored  
180956 Underway for Family Cruise  
181652 Moored  
190956 Underway for Family Cruise  
191640 Moored  
240942 Underway for local operations  
281233 Moored  
311016 Underway for local operations

APRIL

040709 Moored  
071154 Underway for local operations  
081114 Moored  
141701 Underway for local operations  
261121 Moored

MAY

051136 Underway for local operations  
130825 Moored

JUNE

231255 Underway for local operations  
241125 Moored  
241453 Underway for local operations  
271739 Moored

JULY

070559 Underway to West Loch  
070707 Moored at West Loch  
081500 Underway for local operations  
111046 Moored  
210959 Underway for local operations  
251004 Moored  
310659 Underway for Prospective Commanding Officer Operations

**DATE**      **EVENT**

AUGUST

090820 Moored for weapon reload  
101532 Underway for Prospective Commanding Officer Operations  
140713 Moored  
200626 Underway to West Loch  
200742 Moored at West Loch  
201555 Underway for local operations and Tactical Readiness Exam

SEPTEMBER

111206 Moored

OCTOBER

180755 Underway for local operations  
241017 Moored  
281353 Underway for local operations

NOVEMBER

211143 Moored

DECEMBER

020752 Underway for local operations, CSP Ride (ADM Ellis),  
Congressional Staff VIP Cruise  
101549 Moored