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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronological Sequence of Events
(3) Supporting Documents

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are forwarded.

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USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)(BLUE)

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. Mission. The mission of SSBN726 Class submarines is to provide a strategic deterrence against hostile attack by maintaining a continuous capability to deliver strategic missile attacks against hostile targets. In order to carry out this mission, SSBN726 Class submarines are designed to perform the following tasks:

a. To operate at sea for extended periods as a highly reliable, survivable deterrent to a nuclear weapon attack by a foreign power, and to destroy land targets with strategic, nuclear armed missiles.

b. To minimize the probability of detection by any potential threat.

c. To operate defensively against submarine and surface ship threats as necessary to accomplish the mission.

2. Organization. The USS MICHIGAN, second in the Trident Class of nuclear strategic ballistic missile submarines, is commanded by (Gold Crew) Captain Bernard D. Greeson, and (Blue Crew) Captain H. F. Herrera.

There are presently eight Trident submarines, all of which are assigned to Submarine Squadron Seventeen, commanded by Captain M. P. Gray.

1988 CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>KEY EVENTS</u>
JAN 88:	GOLD Crew completed Strategic Deterrent Patrol #17.
21-22 JAN 88:	GOLD Crew successfully completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination with an overall grade of Average.
04 FEB 88:	Exchange of Command, Captain H. F. Herrera, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew relieved Captain B. D. Greeson, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew.
MAR - MAY 88:	BLUE Crew completed Strategic Deterrent Patrol #18.
07-08 MAY 88:	BLUE Crew successfully completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination with an overall grade of Above Average.
12 MAY 88:	Exchange of Command, Captain B. D. Greeson, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew relieved Captain H. F. Herrera, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew.
JUN - AUG 88:	GOLD Crew completed Strategic Deterrent Patrol #19.
07-13 JUL 88:	Port Visit to Naval Air Station, Alameda, California.
13-15 AUG 88:	GOLD Crew successfully completed a Tactical Readiness Evaluation with an overall grade of Average.
16-17 AUG 88:	GOLD Crew satisfactorily completed a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).
20 AUG 88:	Exchange of Command, Captain H. F. Herrera, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew relieved Captain B. D. Greeson, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew.
SEP - NOV 88:	BLUE Crew completed Strategic Deterrent Patrol #20.
13-14 NOV 88:	BLUE Crew successfully completed a Tactical Readiness Evaluation with an overall grade of Above Average.
19-20 NOV 88:	BLUE Crew satisfactorily completed a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).
23 NOV 88:	Exchange of Command, Captain B. D. Greeson, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew relieved Captain H. F. Herrera, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew.
DEC 88:	GOLD Crew commenced Strategic Deterrent Patrol #21.

Enclosure (2)

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)
HISTORY

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) is the second Trident Class Nuclear Submarine to be constructed, and is the third U.S. Warship to bear the name of the Great Lakes State.

The ship's keel was laid on 4 April 1977 at Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut. The submarine was christened on 26 April 1980 by Mrs. Lucian N. Nedzi and commissioned on 18 September 1982.

After completing Demonstration and Shakedown Operations (DASO) at Cape Canaveral in January 1983, MICHIGAN transited the Panama Canal and arrived at Naval Submarine Base, Bangor, on 16 March 1983.

In the spring of 1983, MICHIGAN completed Post Shakedown Availability at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. She subsequently assumed her major role as a strategic deterrent, deploying for her first patrol in August 1983.

MICHIGAN's performance to date has been demonstrated by reception of the following awards:

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)(GOLD)

FY-83

Engineering "E"
ASW "A"
Damage Control "DC"

FY-84

Communications "C"

FY-85

Meritorious Unit Commendation
Damage Control "DC"

FY-86

Battle Efficiency "E"
Engineering "E"
ASW "A"
Silver Anchor Award
Olympic Flag Trophy

FY-87

Silver Anchor Award

FY-88

Gold Anchor Award

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)(BLUE)

FY-84

Battle Efficiency "E"
Engineering "E"

FY-85

Meritorious Unit Commendation
Engineering "E"
Strategic Weapons "S"
Communications "C"

FY-86

Battle Efficiency "E"
Supply "E"

FY-88

Olympic Flag Trophy