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

1. Per reference (a) enclosures (1) through (3) are forwarded.

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USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (GOLD)

PART I

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 command by (Blue Crew) Captain Harry P. Consaul III, and (Gold Crew) Captain Mark B. Keef.

There are presently eight Trident submarines, all of which are assigned to Submarine Squadron 17, commanded by Captain M. P. Gray.

PART II

1989 CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>KEY EVENTS</u>
28 Feb - 2 Mar 89	GOLD Crew completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination with an overall grade of Below Average.
Mar 90	GOLD Crew completed strategic deterrent patrol #21.
5 Mar 90	Exchange of Command, Captain H. F. Herrera, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew relieved Captain B. D. Greeson, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew.
Mar - Jun 89	Blue Crew completed strategic deterrent patrol #22.
25-26 Apr 89	Blue Crew successfully completed an unscheduled Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination with an overall grade of Above Average.
13 Jun 89	Exchange of Command, Captain B. D. Greeson, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew relieved Captain H. F. Herrera, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew.
Jul - Sep 89	Gold Crew completed strategic deterrent patrol #23
18-20 Aug 89	Gold Crew successfully completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination with an overall grade of Average.
18 Sep 89	Exchange of Command, Captain B. D. Greeson, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew relieved by Captain H. F. Herrera, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew.
2 Oct 89	French Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Bernard Louzeau and the French Naval Attache to the United States, R. A. Sassy attended a luncheon and tour on board.
16-18 Oct 89	Port visit to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii to participate in Change of Command for Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet, Rear Admiral J. Guy Reynolds.
17 Nov 89	Gold Crew Change of Command, Captain B. D. Greeson, Commanding Officer (Gold) is relieved by Captain M. B. Keef at Naval Submarine Base, Bangor, Washington.
Oct - Dec 89	Blue crew completed strategic deterrent patrol #24.
3-5 Dec 89	Blue crew succussfully completed a Tactical Readiness Evaluation and Communications Readiness Evaluation with and overall grade of Above Average.

- 20-21 Dec 89 Blue crew successfully completed a Navy Technical Proficiency with an overall grade of Satisfactory (8 Outstanding and 2 Excellent).
- 22 Dec 89 Exchange of Command, Captain M. B. Keef, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew relieved Captain H. F. Herrera, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew.

PART III

NARRATIVE

No Narrative provided. The events listed in the Chronology need no further amplification.

PART IV

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

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

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)

HISTORY

FY-87

Silver Anchor Award

FY-89

Damage Control "DC"
Supply "E"

FY-88

Gold Anchor Award

The following additional items are forwarded:

3 Pictures of USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)
Welcome Aboard Pamphlet (Blue/Gold)