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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 Albert Z. Schwartz.

There are presently eleven Trident submarines, eight of which are assigned to Submarine Squadron 17, commanded by Captain M.S. Wright.

PART II

1989 CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

DATE	KEY EVENTS
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.
27 - 29 Mar 90	Gold Crew completed an unscheduled Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination with an overall grade of Above Average.
2 Mar 90	Blue Crew Change of Command, Captain Harry P. Consaul III relieved Captain Henry F. Herrera.
4 - 5 Apr 90	Gold Crew successfully completed a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection with an overall grade of Satisfactory.
Dec 89 - Apr 90	Gold Crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 25.
8 Apr 90	Exchange of Command, Captain H. P. Consaul III, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew relieved Captain M.B. Keef, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew.
26 - 29 Jun 90	Midshipman Operations in San Diego, California.
2 - 6 Jul 90	Port visit to Long Beach, California.
16 - 17 Jul 90	Blue Crew successfully completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination with an overall grade of Average, and a Supply Management Inspection with a grade of Satisfactory.
Apr 90 - Jul 90	Blue crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 26.
21 Jul 90	Exchange of Command, Captain M. B. Keef, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew relieved Captain H. P. Consaul III, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew.
13 - 17 Aug 90	Nova TV documentary on Trident submarines is filmed onboard.
28 - 31 Oct 90	Gold Crew successfully completed a Tactical Readiness Evaluation with an overall grade of Above Average.
Aug 90 - Oct 90	Gold Crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 27.
4 Nov 90	Exchange of Command, Captain H. P. Consaul III, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew relieved Captain M. B. Keef and crew.
14 Dec 90	Gold Crew Change of Command, Captain Albert Z. Schwartz relieved Captain Mark B. Keef.

Encl (2)

PART III

NARRATIVE

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

Encl (3)

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-88

Gold Anchor Award

FY-90

Gold Anchor Award

FY-89

**Damage Control 'DC'
Supply 'E'**

The following additional items are forwarded:

3 Pictures of USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)