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(2) Chronological Sequence of Events
(3) Narrative
(4) History

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded.

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PART I

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. Mission. The mission of the SSBN 726 Class submarine 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, SSBN 726 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 (Blue Crew) Captain Neil P. Walsh and (Gold Crew) by Captain Bruce S. Lemkin.

There are presently thirteen Trident submarines, eight of which are assigned to Submarine Squadron 17, commanded by Captain Kent V. L. MacNeill.

PART II

1992 CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

KEY EVENTS

DATE:

- 23 - 29 Feb 92 Port Visit to San Diego, California.
- 01 - 02 Mar 92 Conducted Tactical Weapons Proficiency.
- 15 - 17 Mar 92 Conducted Tactical Readiness Evaluation.
- 18 - 24 Mar 92 Port visit to homeport of Bangor, Washington.
- 19 Mar 92 Conducted Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection with an augmented Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection.
- 21 Mar 92 Conducted a walk through Reentry Vehicle On-site Operation.
- 24 - 28 Mar 92 Conducted a Mini Demonstration and Shakedown Operation.
- Jan 92 - Mar 92 Blue crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 32.
- 31 Mar 92 Exchange of command, Captain A. Z. Schwartz, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew relieved Captain H. P. Consaul III, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew.
- 02 - 06 Apr 92 Conducted a Mini Demonstration and Shakedown Operation.
- 28 - 30 Jun 92 Conducted an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.
- May 92 - Jul 92 Gold crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 33.
- 02 Jul 92 Exchange of command, Captain H. P. Consaul III, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew relieved Captain A. Z. Schwartz, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew.
- 03 Jul 92 Change of Command, Captain N. P. Walsh relieved Captain H. P. Consaul III as Commanding Officer (Blue).
- 01 Aug 92 Change of Command, Captain B. S. Lemkin relieved Captain A. Z. Schwartz as Commanding Officer (Gold).
- 18 Sep 92 Ship celebrated Tenth Anniversary of Commissioning.
- 24 Sep - 01 Oct Port visit to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 11 - 15 Oct 92 Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.
- 11 - 14 Oct 92 Conducted Supply Management Inspection.
- Aug 92 - Oct 92 Blue Crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 34.

PART II

1992 CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

KEY EVENTS

DATE (Cont'd):

- 19 Oct 92 Exchange of command, Captain B. S. Lemkin, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew relieved Captain N. P. Walsh, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew.
- 03 - 09 Dec 92 Port Visit to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 15 - 17 Dec 92 Conducted Tactical Weapons Proficiency.
- 05 - 08 Jan 92 Conducted Tactical Readiness Exam.
- 07 - 08 Feb 92 Conducted Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection.
- Nov 92 - Feb 93 Gold Crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 35.
- 09 Feb 93 Exchange of command, Captain N. P. Walsh, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew relieved Captain B. S. Lemkin, Commanding Officer (Gold) 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 Electrical Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut. The submarine was christened on 26 April 1980 by Mrs. Lucien N. Nedzi and commissioned on 18 September 1982.

After completing Demonstration and Shakedown Operations (DASO) at Cape Canaveral in January 1983, MICHIGAN transits the Panama Canal and arrives 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

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

FY-89

Damage Control "DC"
Supply "E"

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN-727) (GOLD)

FY-88

Gold Anchor Award

FY-90

Gold Anchor Award

FY-92

Medical "M"

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN-727) (BLUE)

FY-91

ASW "A"

FY-92

BUPERS MWR Fleet Recreation Award
for Best Small Ship Underway
Recreation Program