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Subj: HISTORY OF THE SHIP

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

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) 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 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 Commander Clare W. (Bill) Hanson II (BLUE) and Commander Jonathan E. Sears (GOLD).

There are presently eighteen Trident submarines, eight of which are assigned to Submarine Squadron 17, commanded by Captain Glenn H. Ward.

PART II

1997 CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>KEY EVENT</u>
17 FEB 97	Exchange of Command, Commander Clare W. (Bill) Hanson, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew relieved Commander Jonathan E. Sears, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew.
14 MAR 97	Conducted VIP Tour for Vice Admiral (He) Pengfei, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Peoples Liberation Army (Navy), Peoples Republic of China.
20 MAR 97	Conducted VIP Cruise for the State of Michigan.
22-24 APR 97	Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).
17-19 MAY 97	Conducted Logistics Readiness Evaluation (LRE).
22 MAY 97	Exchange of Command, Commander Jonathan E. Sears, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew relieved Commander Clare W. (Bill) Hanson, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew.
15 SEP 97	Exchange of Command, Commander Clare W. (Bill) Hanson II, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew relieved Commander Jonathan E. Sears, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew.
18 SEP 97	Ship celebrated Fifteenth Anniversary of Commissioning.
9 OCT 97	Conducted VIP Cruise for the State of Michigan.
17-18 NOV 97	Conducted Tactical Weapons Training and Certification Program (TWTCP).
19-20 NOV 97	Conducted Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).
17-18 DEC 97	Conducted Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).
20 DEC 97	Exchange of Command, Commander Jonathan E. Sears, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew relieved Commander Clare W. (Bill) Hanson II, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew.

MICHIGAN received the following awards for FY-97:

FY 97 CINCPACFLT GOLDEN ANCHOR AWARD IN THE SSBN CATEGORY.

Enclosure (2)

PART III

NARRATIVE/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

No narrative or supporting documents provided. The events listed in the Chronology need no further amplification.

Enclosure (3)



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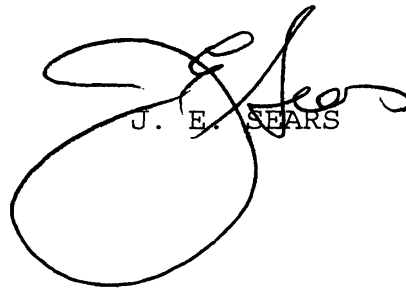
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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronological Narrative of 1997
(3) Narrative
(4) USS MICHIGAN History
(5) Ship's Picture
(6) Commanding Officer's Biography and picture
(7) 3.5" floppy diskette

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J. E. SEARS

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)
Command Composition and Organization

1. Mission. The mission of SSBN726 class submarine is to provide 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:

a. 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. Minimize the probability of detection by any potential threat.

c. 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) Commander Jonathan E. Sears, and (Blue Crew) Commander Clare W. Hanson, II.

There are presently eight Trident submarines assigned to Submarine Squadron 17, commanded by Captain Don V. Hahnfeldt.

1997 Chronological Sequence of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1 Jan 97	Continued Strategic Deterrent Patrol.
19-21 Jan 97	Successfully completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination with a score of "Excellent."
14 Feb 97	Returned to port, completed Patrol 44, completed a Logistics Readiness Evaluation with an overall score of "Above Average."
17 Feb 97	Exchange of Command (Blue crew relieves Gold crew).
18 Feb - 17 Mar 97	Refit Assist.
18 Mar - 6 Apr 97	Leave and Stand-Down Period.
7 Apr - 19 May 97	Off-Crew Training Period.
20 May 97	Exchange of Command (Gold crew relieves Blue crew).
21 May - 6 Jul 97	Extended Refit Period for SNAP III final phase of installation.
7 Jul 97	Conducted Sea Trials at Dabob Bay, WA.
9-13 Jul 97	At Sea Refresher Training (REFTRA).
14 Jul - 19 Aug 97	Commence a Strategic Deterrent Patrol.
20 Aug 97	Conducted a Personnel Transfer for a VIP Cruise in the Hawaiian OPAREA.
21 Aug 97	In-port Pearl Harbor, HI to load exercise torpedoes for upcoming Tactical Weapons Proficiency/Torpedo Certification Proficiency, and a Tactical Readiness Evaluation.

22-24 Aug 97	Conducted Tactical Weapons Proficiency/ Torpedo Certification Proficiency (TWP/TCP).
25-27 Aug 97	Successfully completed a Tactical Readiness Evaluation receiving an overall score of "Excellent" and the designation as a COMSUBPAC TRE "Top Performer."
27 Aug - 2 Sep 97	In-port Pearl Harbor, HI for weapons load and port visit.
3-10 Sep 97	Resumed Strategic Deterrent Patrol.
11-12 Sep 97	Successfully completed a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI) receiving an overall score of "Outstanding."
12 Sep 97	Returned to port in Bangor, WA; completed Patrol 46.
15 Sep 97	Exchange of Command (Blue crew relieves Gold crew).
16 Sep - 8 Oct 97	Refit Assist.
9-26 Oct 97	Leave and Stand-Down Period.
27 Oct - 21 Nov 97	Off-Crew Training Period.
22 Nov - 1 Dec 97	Second Leave and Stand-Down Period.
1-19 Dec 97	Continue Off-Crew Training Period.
20 Dec 97	Exchange of Command (Gold crew relieves Blue crew).
22-31 Dec 97	Dry-dock Refit Period.

Narrative

No narrative provided. The events listed in the chronology need no further amplification.

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, Washington on 16 March 1983.

The MICHIGAN entered an Engineered Overhaul period on 10 October 1994 at Naval Submarine Base Bangor, WA. The Overhaul was conducted by Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, in conjunction with Trident Refit Facility, and was completed on 7 June 1995.

MICHIGAN GOLD'S performance to date has been demonstrated by receipt of the following awards:

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (GOLD)

FY 83

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

FY 85

Meritorious Unit Commendation
Damage Control Red "DC"

FY 84

Communications Green "C"

FY 86

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

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History
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FY 87

Silver Anchor Award

FY 90

Golden Anchor Award

FY 93

Battle Efficiency "E"
Medical "M"

FY 97

Navigation Red and Green "N"
Strategic Operations White "S"
Engineering Red "E"
Communications Green "C"
Damage Control Red "DC"
Best Trident Crew "BTC"

FY 88

Golden Anchor Award

FY 92

Medical "M"

FY 96

Tactical "T"
Damage Control Red "DC"