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From: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. REGISTER (APD-92).
To: Commander Western Carolines Sub Area.

Subject: Search Operations of U.S.S. REGISTER (APD-92) for Survivors of
U.S.S. INDIANAPOLIS.

Enclosure: (A) Position Plotting Sheet Showing D.R. Track.

1. Proceeding to Latitude 11 - 01 N Long. 132 - 55 E in compliance
with ComWesCarSubArea's dispatch 040720.

0835 Parted company with U.S.S. RINGNESS (APD-100). Proceeding independently
to join scouting line consisting of U.S.S. HELM, U.S.S. AYLWIN, U.S.S.
RALPH TALBOT, U.S.S. MADISON, U.S.S. DUFILHO, U.S.S. COCKRELL, U.S.S.
FRENCH and U.S.S. DOYLE per orders.

1040 Sighted object on starboard bow.

1043 Object identified as spherical buoy. Fired one 40mm round at buoy.

1530 Received orders by voice radio from OTC on the U.S.S. COCKRELL to take
station on right flank of scouting line after it came to course 198°T.

1600 Changed course to 305°T. to take station on scouting line bearing 288°
(relative) distance 8 miles from the U.S.S. AYLWIN.

1700 Received orders from OTC on the U.S.S. COCKRELL to proceed immediately
at best speed to position 11 - 25 N 132 - 45 E to rendezvous with U.S.S.
HELM to assist in recovery and identification of bodies.

1713 Radar picked up plane showing emergency IFF, distance 25 miles. Changed
course to 250°T. to investigate.

1730 Plane no longer showing emergency IFF, changed course to 205°T. to join
U.S.S. HELM.

1754 Plane (Gambler 8) circled ship and headed back in direction from which
he came. Changed course to follow plane steering various courses bet-
ween 260° and 275°T.

1815 Sighted four (4) rafts tied together dead ahead.

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- 1830-1924 Picked up four Navy Standard 25 man rafts and floater net containing sundry items, including life belts, water, K rations, hand axe, knife, medical supplies.
- 1924 Headed for plane which was circling another floater net. Course 192° T. speed 21 knots.
- 1945 Floater net brought aboard. Plane departed to join U.S.S. COCKRELL. Changed course to 196° T. speed 21 knots to join U.S.S. HELM.
- 2015 Received orders from U.S.S. HELM to take station bearing 000° relative, distance 1500 yards from him. U.S.S. HELM now on course 180° T. Speed 12 knots, steaming in a clockwise direction making a square 12 miles on a side, executing course changes by turn movements.
- 2120 On station. Course 270° , speed 12 knots.
- 0315 Received orders from U.S.S. HELM that next course change would be on designated time, thereafter course changes to be made every 45 minutes.
- 0552 REGISTER AND RINGNESS received orders from OTC in U.S.S. COCKNELL, his 051951, " Mission completed. Proceed in accordance with basic orders. Make report of your movements to proper authorities.
- 0558 Ordered by RINGNESS to form 90° relative to him when he was on course 265° speed 10 knots.
- 0612 Proceeding to Leyte, P.I. in company with U.S.S. RINGNESS in accordance with CTU 30.9.15's dispatch 290350.

/s/ J.R. Furman
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