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Mr. Peter Hayes NAUTILUS-Pacific Action Group Box 228 Leverett, MA 01054

Dear Mr. Hayes:

This is the third response to your appeal of the denial by Major General Walter C. Schrupp, Deputy Chief of Staff. United States Pacific Command, of your request for Commander in Chief Pacific (CINCPAC) Quarterly Reports to the Secretary of Defense.

Your appeal has been considered as required by the Freedom of Information Act. As the appellate authority, I affirm that the denied portions of the enclosed document qualify for exemption under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1) and (b)(5) as being material, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to cause serious damage to the national security and/or internal predecisional communication between CINCPAC and the Secretary of Defense. That portion of the initially denied document which I have determined may be released is enclosed.

As was indicated previously, a final determination on fees will be made once the series of quarterly reports you requested has been processed.

Sincerely,

Fred S. Hoffman

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary

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SUBJ: SECDEF QUARTERLY REPORT -- APR-JUN 84 (U)

1. (U) THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT WHICH OCCURRED IN THIS THEATER DURING THE LAST QUARTER WAS THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE PRC. THIS TRIP PLUS THE SUBSEQUENT VISIT OF THE CHINESE DEFENSE MINISTER TO WASHINGTON GRAPHICALLY DEMONSTRATE THAT THE US AND THE PRC HAVE IMPORTANT COMMON INTERESTS WHICH WE MUST CAREFULLY NURTURE. THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE PRC IS A MAJOR PLAYER IN THE PACIFIC AND ITS ROLE WILL CONTINUE TO GROW. IN TURN. THE CHARACTER OF THE US-PRC RELATIONSHIP WILL HAVE PROFOUND IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR SECURITY POSTURE IN EAST ASIA.

(1) PERHAFS THE NEXT MOST NEWSWORTHY EVENT WAS THE DEPARTURE CEREMONY FOR THE UNKNOWN VIETNAM SERVICEMAN ON 17 MAY. PERSONNEL FROM ALL SERVICES JOINED TOGETHER TO PROVIDE A SOLEMN AND FITTING SEND OFF FOR OUR FALLEN COMPADE.

(2) DURING THIS PERIOD I CONTINUED MY ORIENTATION TRIDS TO SEVERAL COUNTRIES INCLUDING AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. AND AS YOU KNOW I ATTENDED THE MCM/SCM IN KOREA AND THHE MDB IN THE PHILIPPINES. NOT SURPRISINGLY. AS MY FIRST YEAR AT USCINCPAC DRAWS TO A CLOSE. MY TRAVELS HAVE MADE ME VERY MUCH AWARE THAT THERE JUST AIN T NO PLACE WORTH VISITING

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INSIDE OF A FIVE HOUR PLANE RIDE OF HAWAII.

AREAS IS ADDRESSED IN SURSEQUENT PARAGRAPHS.

AND THE THREAT TO THE ANZUS
ALLIANCE POSED BY THE NEW ZEALAND LABOUR PARTY'S PLATFORM
VIS-A-VIS US COMBATANNT SHIP VISITS. THE LATTER CONCERN HAS
BEEN HEIGHTENED BY THE INCREASING PREDICTIONS OF A LABOUR
VICTORY IN THE JULY PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. EACH OF THESE

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2. (U) OPERATIONS

A. (S) IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE USS AMERICA OATTLE GROUP ARRIVED IN THE IO IN JUNE TO CONTINUE OUR NORTHERN ARABIAN SEA PRESENCE. THE ASSIGNMENT OF A LANTFLT RG IN THE NAS HAS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED THE BURDEN ON PAC UNITS AND PROVIDED A MOST WELCOME OPPORTUNITY FOR MAINTENANCE. EXERCISES AND PORT VISITS.

- DEPLOYMENT ON 5 MAY HAVING OPERATED WITH ALL FOUR FLEETS.

 ACTION TO PROVIDE THE PACIFIC A SECOND BATTLESHIP BEGAN
 WITH MOVEMENT OF USS MISSOURI TO LONG BEACH FOR REACTIEATION OVERHAUL. ASSIGNMENT TO PACFLT IS EXPECTED IN FY86.
- C. A REINFORCED SPECIAL FORCES COMPANY OF THHE 1ST BATTALION (MINUS). 1ST SFGA. (APPROXIMATELY 120 PERSONNEL) WAS FORWARD DEPLOYED TO TORII STATION. OKINAWA. JAPAN IN MARCH/APRIL 1984. THE SCHEDULED DEPLOYMENT DATE FOR THHE SECOND COMPANY HAS BEEN ADVANCED FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 1984 TO JULY 1984.
- UNILATERAL. JOINT AND JOINT-COMPINED EXERCISES DURING THE QUARTER. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INCLUDED RIMPAC. A JOINT-COMPINED SEA-CONTROL. POWER PROJECTION EXERCISE CONDUCTED FROM 14 MAY TO 28 JUNE WITH FORCES FROM AUSTRALIA. NEW ZEALAND. CANADA. AND JAPAN. AND FREEDOM BANNER 84. A JCS-DIRECTED EXERCISE IN KOREA IN WHICH. FOR THE FIRST TIME. SELECTED MARINE PREPOSITIONED EQUIPMENT WAS ACTUALLY ROAD MARCHED TO RANGES AND SUCCESSFULLY FIRED. THIS EXERCISE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THE FEASIBILITY OF THE NTPF/MPS CONCEPT. PACAF'S SECOND THEATER FORCE EMPLOYMENT

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TWO OF PACFLT'S 65 PORT VISITS HAD ADDED SIGNIFICANCE. USS HECTOR (AR-7) PROVIDED EMERGENCY RELIEF TO THE PEOPLE OF TYPHOON DEVASTATED DIEGO SUAREZ. MADAGASCAR. THE HECTOR ARRIVED ON 23 APRIL AND DEPARTED A WEEK LATER. THE FIRST US SHIP TO CALL AT MADAGASCAR IN RECENT YEARS. HER HUMANNITARIAN EFFORTS INCLUDED MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE. REPAIR SERVICES. AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES. HECTOR'S PERFORMANCE DREW HIGHLY FAVORABLE COMMENT FROM LOCAL AND NATIONAL OFFICIALS. FOLLOWING UP ON THE USS WHIPPLE'S (FF-1062) PORT CALL TO COCHIN IN FEBRUARY, LEWIS 8. PULLER (FFG-23) BECAME THE SECOND USN SHIP TO VISIT INDIA FOLLOWING A TWELVE YEAR AMCONSUL DOMBAY DESCRIBED THE VISIT AS MAKING A HI & TUS . STRONG AND MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUTURE OF U-S--INDIA RELATIONS.

G. TLAMIN AND TASM OPEVAL'S WERE COMPLETED OFF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S COAST BY USS MERRILL. USS LA JOLLA. AND USS SAM HOUSTON. TASM AND TLAMIN REACHED IOC IN JUNE.

3. (U) THREAT DEVELOPMENTS.
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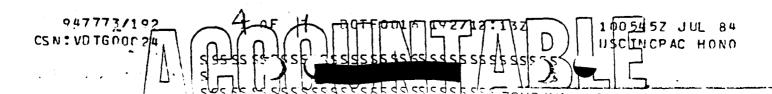
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4. (U) AREAS OF CONCERN.
A. SUSTAINABILITY.

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I WILL AGAIN RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH THE ORB IN JULY
AS I HAVE IN EVERY PREVIOUS DRA.

B. PHILIPPINES. AS YOU KNOW. I ATTENDED THE 14.

JUNE MUTUAL DEFENSE BOARD MEETING IN THE PHILIPPINES.

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C. (U) NEW ZEALAND. NZ ELECTIONS ARE PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR 14 JULY 1984. IF THE LABOUR PARTY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DAVID LANGE IS ELECTED (AND IT IS LOOKING MORE AND MORE AS THOUGH THIS WILL BE THE CASE) MAJOR DIFFICULTIES ARE LIKELY FOR THE ANZUS COALITION. GNZ (LABOUR) WOULD PROBABLY CALL FOR AN ANZUS REVIEW. ATTEMPTS TO RESTRUCTURE THE ANZUS TREATY TO INCLUDE 4 "NON NUCLEAR" NEW ZEALAND MAY BE MADE. A TERMINATION OF ALL USN SHIP VISITS (UNLESS WASHINGTON AMENDS ITS NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY POLICY) IS A CENTRAL INGREDIENT OF THE LABOUR PLATFORM. IF ADOPTED BY THE ELECTED GOVERNMENT AND ACCEPTED DY CANBERRA AND WASHINGTON. SUCH A STEP COULD HAVE A FAR REACHING IMPACT ON OUR MILITARY ALLIANCES IN OTHER REGIONS AND OFFER ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUPS WORLDWIDE A RALLYING POINT AND ENCOURAGEMENT. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD DECIDE NOW WHAT IT WILL DO IN THE EVENT OF A LABOUR VICTORY AND BE PREPARED TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY AND CANDIDLY TO THE LABOUR PARTY LEADERS ITS POSITION. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT ANY DECISION TO RAN. ALL PORT VISITS IS AN UNPRECEDENTED MOVE BY ANY US MALLY" AND WOULD BE COMMITTING U.S. SERVICEMEN TO DEFEND A COUNTRY

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5. (U) OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE.

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FIGHTER BRIEFING. A USAF BRIEFING TEAM VISITED MAJOR ASEAN COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS THE COMFARATIVE ADVANTAGES OF ADVANCED FIGHTER AIRCRAFT. I.E., F-20, F-16/79 (FMS VERSIONS) AND THE F-16A. BRIEFINGS WERE CONDUCTED FROM JUNE 5-18 IN INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES. REACTIONS TO THE PRESENTATIONS WERE FAVORABLE. IN GENERAL, IT APPEARS THAT MOST OF THESE NATIONS ARE WITHHOLDING THEIR POSITION PENDING THAILAND'S DECISION. WE HAVE RECENT INDICATIONS POINTING TOWARD AN EVENTUAL THAI DECISION FOR THE F-16/100.

D. (U) PASOLS. THE THIRTEENTH PACIFIC AREA SENIOR OFFICER LOGISTICS SEMINAR (PASOLS) MET IN HONOLULU. 4-8 JUNE: WITH DR. KORB: ASD/MIRL: AS THE SENIOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER. SIXTY-FIVE DELEGATES FROM TWELVE NATIONS EXAMINED COMMON AREAS OF LOGISTICS CONCERN

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E. USPACOM JMTSS. I APPRECIATE YOUR STAFF'S INTEREST IN THE JOINT MULTICHANNEL TRUNKING AND SWITCHING SYSTEM (JMTSS) PROGRAM. SUPPORT FOR MOVING THIS PROGRAM FORWARD WILL PROVIDE THE ESSENTIAL C3 SUSTAINABILITY NECESSARY TO SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTE THE USCINCPAC CAMPAIGN PLAN.

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- F. (U) THAILAND.
- (1) THE ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO SUPPORT EXTENDED FMS REPAYMENT TERMS FOR THAILAND (10 YEARS* GRACE/20 YEARS* REPAYMENT) FOR FY86 WAS WELCOME NEWS. DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE ON THIS.
- (2) LOGEX-27. AN EXERCISE OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO THE THAIS WAS HELD IN KORAT. THAILAND. 16-22 JUNE 1984. IT WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY A THAI UNDERTAKING. WITH ONLY LIMITED U.S. ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE.

THE EXERCISE ACHIEVED DESIRED OBJECTIVES AND WAS AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.

(3) PLANNING FOR EXERCISE COBRA GOLD 84 IS ON TRACK AND WAS APPROVED ON 12 JUNE AFTER WASHINGTON AGENCY COORDINATION. THIS YEAR'S ENHANCEMENTS INCLUDE US ARMY AND ROYAL THAI ARMY PARTICIPATION. I WILL VISIT THAILAND AT GENERAL ARTHIT'S OFFICIAL INVITATION DURING COBRA GOLD.

G. (U) JAPAN. THE FIFTEENTH U.S. JAPAN SECURITY SURCOMMITTEE MEETING (SSC) WAS ALSO BENEFICIAL AND REFLECTED THE TONE SET IN YOUR VERY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO JAPAN. DISCUSSION WAS OPEN AND FRANK. AND A NEW SENSE OF UNDERSTANDING CHARACTERIZED EXCHANGES.

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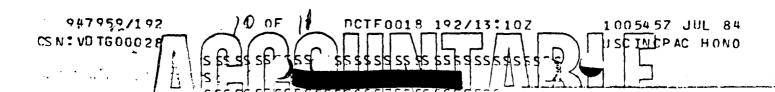
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K. (U) NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (NNMI). DUE TO A LACK OF FUNDS. THE NMI GOVERNMENT HAS TO DATE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN ALL OF THE LEASE PROPERTIES AGREED TO IN THE JAN 82 LAND ACQUISITION AGREEMENT WITH THE USG. THE USG HAS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE OF THE ACQUISITION AND DEFERRED PAYMENT AGREEMENT ENABLING THE RELEASE OF \$6.5 MILLION TO THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS GOVERNMENT FOR IMMEDIATE (60 DAYS) PURCHASE OF THE REQUIRED LAND. WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NMI IN THEIR REQUEST FOR THE ADVANCE AND CONCUR WITH THE ACTION TAKEN IN AMENDING THE AGREEMENT. WHILE IT IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER THE NMI GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO ACQUIRE ALL OF THE LAND IN QUESTION WITHIN THE 60 DAY PERIOD AND WITHIN THE AMOUNT AVAILABLE. ACCESS TO THIS LAND IS CERTAINLY IN OUR INTEREST AND WE SHOULD GIVE NMI EVERY CHANCE TO ACQUIRE IT.

L. (U) HAWAII.

(1) (U) THE MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL + PASSED AN ORDINANCE IN MARCH WHICH PROHIBITED THE INTRODUCTION + SHIPMENT + STORAGE OR SITING OF NUCLEAR REACTORS + NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND NUCLEAR MATERIAL WITHIN THE COUNTRY - THE ORDINANCE WAS FINALLY ADOPTED OVER THE MAYOR S VETO IN APRIL - THE ORDINANCE IS NOT BINDING ON THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF THE SUPREMACY CLAUSE OF THE UU.S. CONSTITUTION - IN 1981 + THE HAWAII (BIG ISLAND) COUNTY COUNCIL PASSED AN

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(2) (U) I APPLAUD THE SENATE ACTION IN ADDING THE RENT-PLUS HOUSING ALLOWANCE (RPHA) PROVISION TO THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL. I BELIEVE RPHA IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF OUR SERVICE PEOPLE IN HAWAII AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR STAFF'S SUPPORT IN SEEING THIS PROVISION THROUGH THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE PROCESS.

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OURING MY DRB TRIP TO WASHINGTON. AS SUGGESTED BY RICH.

ARMITAGE. I WILL BE PREPARED AT THAT TIME TO DISCUSS THE

SECURITY SITUATION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

7. (U) WARMEST REGARDS.

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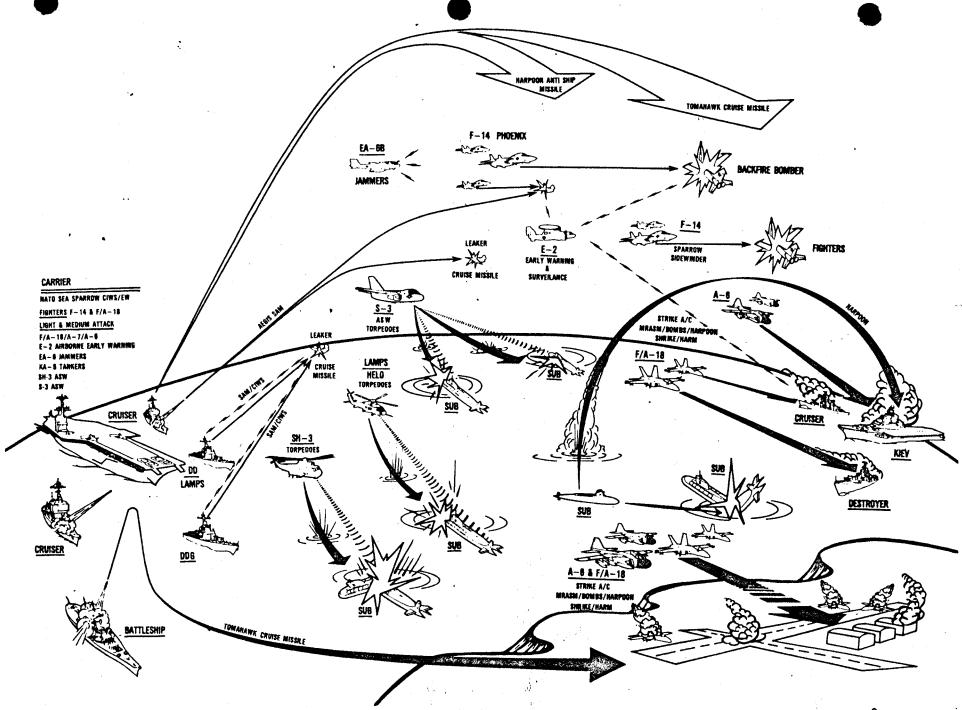
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