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Mr. Peter Hayes  
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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*

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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary**

Enclosure

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INSIDE OF A FIVE HOUR PLANE RIDE OF HAWAII.  
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AND THE THREAT TO THE ANZUS ALLIANCE POSED BY THE NEW ZEALAND LABOUR PARTY'S PLATFORM VIS-A-VIS US COMBATANT SHIP VISITS. THE LATTER CONCERN HAS BEEN HEIGHTENED BY THE INCREASING PREDICTIONS OF A LABOUR VICTORY IN THE JULY PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. EACH OF THESE AREAS IS ADDRESSED IN SURSEQUENT PARAGRAPHS.

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2. (U) OPERATIONS

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

B. ████████ USS NEW JERSEY COMPLETED ITS HISTORIC 11 MONTH 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 REACTIA-TION OVERHAUL. ASSIGNMENT TO PACFLT IS EXPECTED IN FY86.

C. ████████ A REINFORCED SPECIAL FORCES COMPANY OF THE 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 THE SECOND COMPANY HAS BEEN ADVANCED FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 1984 TO JULY 1984.

D. ████████ USPACOM FORCES PARTICIPATED IN THIRTY-SIX UNILATERAL, JOINT AND JOINT-COMBINED EXERCISES DURING THE QUARTER. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INCLUDED RIMPAC, A JOINT-COMBINED 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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EXERCISE (TFEE) TOOK PLACE IN THE PHILIPPINES. IT INCLUDED TWO HUNDRED USAF, USN AND USMC AIRCRAFT AND INVOLVED WEAPONS DELIVERY AND DISSIMILAR AIR COMBAT TRAINING. THE TFEE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO INCREASE OUR THEATER-WIDE OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY AND DEMONSTRATES GREAT PROMISE IN THIS REGARD. —

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F. [REDACTED] 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 R. PULLER (FFG-23) BECAME THE SECOND USN SHIP TO VISIT INDIA FOLLOWING A TWELVE YEAR HIATUS. AMCONSUL OOMBAY DESCRIBED THE VISIT AS MAKING A STRONG AND MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUTURE OF U.S.-INDIA RELATIONS.

G. [REDACTED] TLAM/N AND TASM OPEVAL'S WERE COMPLETED OFF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S COAST BY USS MERRILL, USS LA JOLLA, AND USS SAM HOUSTON. TASM AND TLAM/N REACHED IOC IN JUNE.

3. (U) THREAT DEVELOPMENTS.  
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I WILL AGAIN RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH THE ORB IN JULY AS I HAVE IN EVERY PREVIOUS ORR.

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 A "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 BY 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 BAN ALL PORT VISITS IS AN UNPRECEDENTED MOVE BY ANY US "ALLY" AND WOULD BE COMMITTING U.S. SERVICEMEN TO DEFEND A COUNTRY

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THAT DOESN'T ALLOW THEM ACCESS TO ITS SOIL. SUCH A DECISION WOULD CERTAINLY THROW NEW ZEALAND'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN ANZUS UNDER A NEW LIGHT. AS A THEATER COMMANDER IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW MY FORCES COULD SERIOUSLY AND REALISTICALLY COOPERATE WITH THE NEW ZEALAND MILITARY UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS.

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5. (U) OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE.

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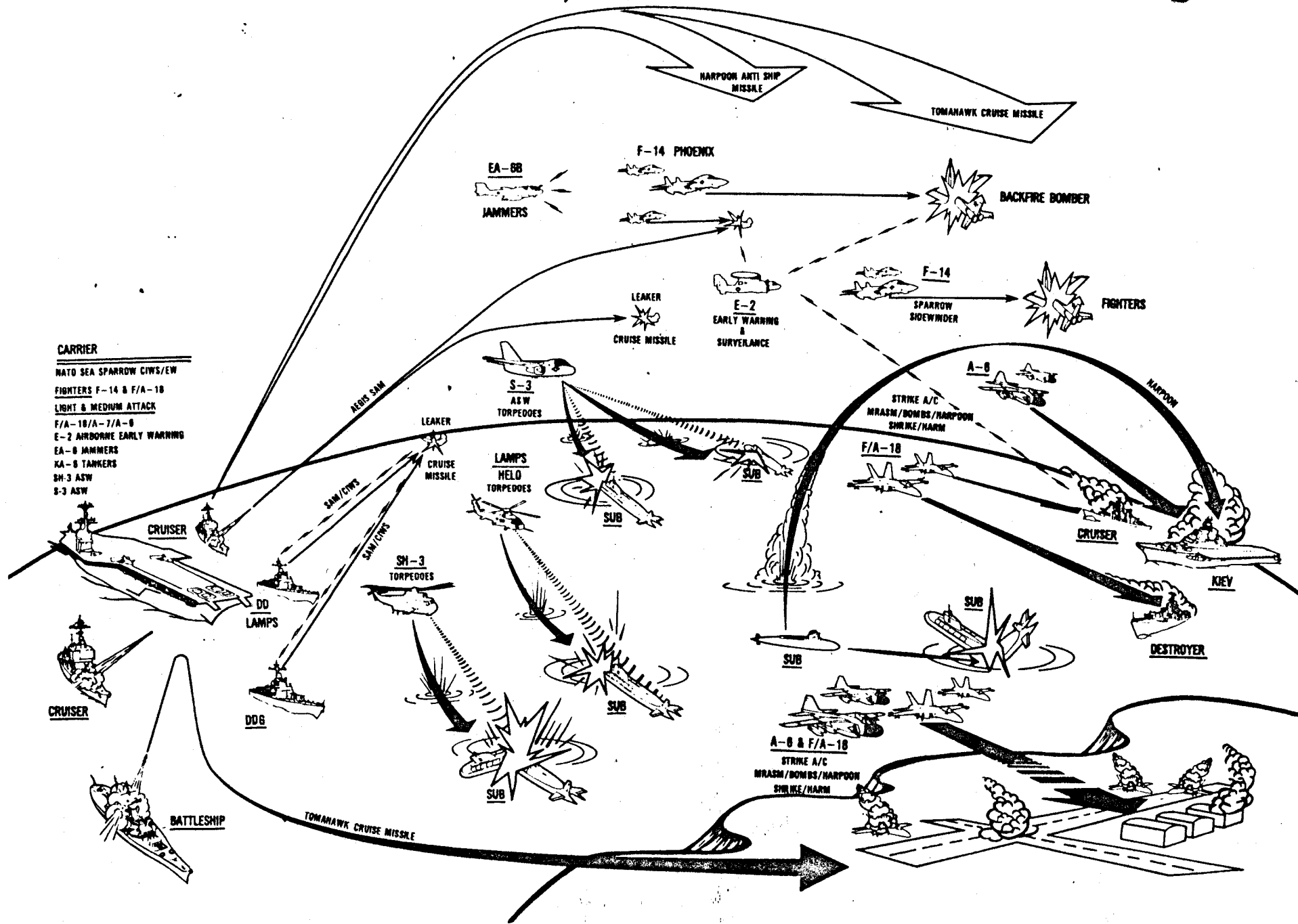












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