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FROM CROWE
SUBJ: SECDEF QUARTERLY REPORT OCT - DEC 84 (U)

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1. [redacted] THIS REPORTING PERIOD HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY FRUITFUL [redacted] WE CONTINUE TO TAKE THOSE STEPS NECESSARY TO INSURE THE OVERALL PREPAREDNESS OF THE PACIFIC COMMAND [redacted]

2. [redacted] IN THIS REGARD, THIS YEAR'S FLEETEX-85 PROVED TO BE A MOST DYNAMIC AND SUCCESSFUL ENDEAVOR. THE RESULTS AND INITIAL LESSONS LEARNED APPEAR MOST PROMISING AND REFLECT OUR EFFORTS TO INSURE SERVICE INTEROPERABILITY. DURING JACK VESSEY'S VISIT ON 11-12 DEC, WE PROVIDED HIM AN OVERVIEW OF THE EXERCISE. [redacted]

[redacted] THERE IS, OF COURSE, CONTINUED CONCERN REGARDING THE NEW ZEALAND LABOUR GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON NPW/NUCLEAR ARMED SHIP ACCESS [redacted]

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3. (U) OPERATIONS

A. FLEETEX 85. ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST EXTENSIVE EXERCISES EVER CONDUCTED IN THE USPACOM. FLEETEX 85, TOOK PLACE 18 OCT - 1 DEC 84. THE CINCPACFLT DIRECTED, COMSEVENTHFLT SPONSORED EXERCISE INVOLVED THE VINSON, CONSTELLATION, MIDWAY, ENTERPRISE, AND INDEPENDENCE BATTLE GROUPS IN OPERATIONS CONDUCTED OFF THE CALIFORNIA COAST, IN THE VICINITY OF HAWAII, IN THE MID AND NORTHWEST PACIFIC, AND THE INDIAN OCEAN. EXERCISE ACTIVITY GRADUALLY INCREASED IN INTENSITY UNTIL, ON 22 NOVEMBER 1984, THE CARL VINSON, MIDWAY, AND ENTERPRISE CVBGS JOINED FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINE SEA. COMMENCING A NORTHERLY TRANSIT, THE BATTLE FORCE ENGAGED IN CONCENTRATED AIR OPERATIONS NEAR OKINAWA, SUPPORTED BY USAF TACTICAL AND TANKER AIRCRAFT. CONTINUING NORTH, THE BATTLE FORCE DISPERSED ITS ASSETS AND SUCCESSFULLY COUNTERED AN EXTENSIVE SUB-SURFACE THREAT. THE EXERCISE TERMINATED WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF U.S. POWER PROJECTION STRIKES FLOWN AGAINST LAND AND MARITIME TARGETS ON AND NEAR THE ISLAND OF HOKKAIDO IN NORTHERN JAPAN. [redacted]

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B. DURING THE PERIOD OF FLEETEX, THE JAPANESE ..RITIME SELF DEFENSE FORCE (JMSDF) (13 SHIPS AND 17 AIRCRAFT) PARTICIPATED WITH U.S. UNITS IN A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT EXERCISE, ASWEX 85-1. [redacted]

C. SEA OF JAPAN (SOJ) OPERATIONS. FOLLOWING FLEETEX THE MIDWAY/VINSON BATTLE FORCE (BF) TRANSITED TSUGARU STRAIT AND ENTERED THE SOJ ON 1 DEC. [redacted]

[redacted] DESPITE THE HEAVY SORTIE DEMANDS OF FLEETEX AND FREEZING TEMPERATURES, ACFT AVAILABILITY ENABLED THE BF TO CONDUCT CONTINUOUS FLIGHT OPS.]

D. EXERCISE TRIAD 84. THE MAJOR JOINT/COMBINED ANZUS EXERCISE SPONSORED BY NEW ZEALAND, TRIAD 84, WAS CONDUCTED 1-19 OCTOBER 1984. THIS JCS COORDINATED AIR FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE (FTX) AND LAND COMMAND AND SIGNALS EXERCISE (CPX) INVOLVED U.S., NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN TACAIR, AWACS AND GROUND/AIR DEFENSE BRIGADE HQ ELEMENTS OPERATING FROM THE NORTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND. [redacted]

E. THEATER FORCE EMPLOYMENT EXERCISE (TFEE) CANCELLATION. THE LARGE SCALE PACAF SPONSORED TFEE SCHEDULED OFF OKINAWA ON 27 NOV 84, INVOLVING MORE THAN 250 AIRCRAFT FROM BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES, KOREA, GUAM, AND OKINAWA, WAS CANCELLED 24 NOV 84 [redacted]

F. DISSIMILAR AIR COMBAT TRAINING (DACT) WITH THE ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE (RTAF). IN OCTOBER 84, SIX F-4E'S FROM CLARK AB, PHILIPPINES DEPLOYED TO THAILAND FOR TWO WEEKS OF DACT AGAINST RTAF F-5E'S. THIS WAS THE THIRD DEPLOYMENT TO THAILAND IN THIS SERIES, AND HAS INCREASED THE PROFICIENCY OF THAI

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[redacted] STRATEGIC BOMBER DEVELOPMENTS. THE SOVIET AIR LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILE, THE AS-15, IS ASSESSED TO HAVE REACHED INITIAL OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY IN NOVEMBER 1984. THE 3000 KM RANGE AS-15 AND ITS ASSOCIATED LAUNCH AIRCRAFT, THE TU-95/BEAR H, PROVIDE THE SOVIETS WITH A FLEXIBLE STANDOFF STRATEGIC STRIKE CAPABILITY.

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C. ([redacted] USN PORT ACCESS IN NEW ZEALAND. THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND (GNZ) CONTINUES TO PUBLICLY ESPOUSE A POLICY OF DENYING PORT ACCESS TO NUCLEAR ARMED OR POWERED VESSELS [redacted] AS YOU ARE AWARE, A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES WITH NUCLEAR SENSITIVITIES, NOTABLY JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND OUR NATO ALLIES, ARE WATCHING CLOSELY HOW WE HANDLE THIS SITUATION. IN DECEMBER 1984, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR BLANKET DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR 1985, WITH ADVICE THAT A SHIP VISIT TO NZ IS PLANNED TO FOLLOW ANZUS EXERCISE SEA EAGLE 85-1.

[redacted] OUR ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE IS UNFETTERED PORT ACCESS WHILE MAINTAINING OUR NCND POLICY. [redacted]

THE GNZ HAS CONSISTENTLY STATED THAT IT WANTS TO REMAIN A FULL ANZUS PARTNER: [redacted]

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CONTINUED TO PRESS THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN FOR ALTERNATIVE TO NAF ATSUGI TO SATISFY OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR USS MIDWAY AIRCREWS TO CONDUCT FCLP. [redacted]

I. [redacted] IKEGO FAMILY HOUSING. THE RECENT LOCAL ELECTION FOR MAYOR OF ZUSHI PRODUCED UNFAVORABLE RESULTS WITH REGARD TO THE IKEGO PROJECT. THE WINNER HAS STATED THAT HE WILL ASK DOD TO WITHDRAW THE PROJECT. [redacted]

J. [redacted] QUALITY OF LIFE. BENEFIT EROSION IS COMING TO THE FOREFRONT DURING THIS PERIOD OF BUDGET REDUCTION. WITH THE DECREASING POOL OF ELIGIBLE YOUTH THAT WE FACE, THE APPEARANCE OF AN "OPEN SEASON" ON MILITARY BENEFITS MUST BE SCRUPULOUSLY AVOIDED. THE LEVEL OF MEMBER CONCERN VARIES FROM PROPOSAL TO PROPOSAL, BUT TAKEN IN TOTO COULD PRESENT A SERIOUS RETENTION AND READINESS PROBLEM IN THE FUTURE. WE MUST ACT NOW TO TURN AROUND ADVERSE PERCEPTIONS THAT AFFECT THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF OUR MEMBERS. YOUR PAST SUPPORT HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD.

K. [redacted]

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8. [redacted] PRC NAVAL DELEGATION. I MET WITH ADMIRAL CHEN YOUMING (DIRECTOR, PLA - NAVY EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT) AND MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION ON 17 DECEMBER. WE DISCUSSED OUR RESPECTIVE COMMAND MISSIONS AND GENERALLY HAD A CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EACH OTHER. ALTHOUGH THE DELEGATION'S VISIT WAS LOW-KEY, IT WAS AN IMPORTANT FIRST. TWO ADDITIONAL INITIATIVES BEING UNDERTAKEN ARE A THREE-SHIP PORT VISIT TO THE PORT OF QINGDAO OR SHANGHAI IN APRIL AND THE RECOVERY OF POSSIBLE U.S. WWII REMAINS NEAR THE CITY OF TAI YUAN IN THE MARCH TIME FRAME. I SEE THESE EVENTS AS SIGNALLING USPACOM'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE GROWING U.S. - CHINA RELATIONSHIP.

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I. [redacted] JOHNSTON ISLAND. DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOHNSTON ATOLL CHEMICAL AGENT DISPOSAL SYSTEM (JACADS), A DA-DIRECTED PROJECT TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND ECOLOGICALLY ACCEPTABLE MEANS FOR DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE TOXIC CHEMICAL MUNITIONS STORED ON JOHNSTON ISLAND, CONTINUES ON SCHEDULE. CONSTRUCTION OF THE FACILITY IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN FY85 AND BE COMPLETED IN FY88. PRE-OPERATIONAL TESTING IN FY88 WILL BE FOLLOWED BY TOXIC OPERATIONS IN FY89. OW

J. [redacted] MARCOS BRIEFING. A USCINCPAC BRIEFING TEAM HEADED BY MG SCHRUPP, MY DEPUTY C/S, PRESENTED A USCINCPAC COMMAND UPDATE BRIEFING TO PRESIDENT MARCOS AT MALACANANG PALACE ON 19 DECEMBER. THE AUDIENCE INCLUDED AMBASSADOR BOSWORTH, MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE - JUAN PONCE ENRILE, HIS DEPUTY MINISTERS, LT GEN FIDEL V. RAMOS - AFP ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF, PLUS THE SERVICE CHIEFS OF THE AFP AND THEIR HIGH LEVEL STAFF OFFICERS. [redacted]

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K. [redacted] I WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE GOOD NEWS FROM THE ARMY STAFF REGARDING MUNITIONS FOR THE 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION. [redacted] THIS WILL PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED FLEXIBILITY TO EMPLOY USPACOM'S ONLY GROUND FORCE RESERVE DIVISION ANYWHERE IN THE THEATER.

L. [redacted] COUNTERING TERRORISM. USPACOM REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED THE JOINT OPERATIONS AGENCY/DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ANTI-TERRORISM SECURITY CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER. COORDINATION/EXCHANGE CONDUCTED WITH WORLDWIDE DOD REPRESENTATIVES AT THAT CONFERENCE INDICATE THAT USPACOM IS ON TRACK WITH ITS COUNTERING TERRORISM GROUP PROGRAMS. CURRENT EMPHASIS IS DIRECTED TOWARDS COMPLETING DETAILED SURVEYS OF POTENTIAL USPACOM TARGET LOCATIONS IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. [redacted]

[redacted] OVERALL, I AM ENCOURAGED WITH THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE IN THE U. S. PACIFIC COMMAND THIS PAST QUARTER, AND THROUGHOUT 1984 IN GENERAL. WE WILL WORK TO SUSTAIN OUR MOMENTUM. FOR THE DECISIONS WE MAKE NOW ARE THE FOUNDATION OF A COHESIVE THEATER DEFENSE STRATEGY WITH WHICH WE WILL LIVE WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY. WITH THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF THIS REGION, ECONOMICALLY, POLITICALLY, AND MILITARILY, THESE DECISIONS ARE CRUCIAL. I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAVE PROVIDED THIS PAST YEAR AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE YEAR AHEAD.

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