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I. Seventh Fleet Mission

MISSION, VISION & GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED STATES SEVENTH FLEET

A. Mission

Our mission is to enhance regional stability, promote cooperative security and deter aggression with capable, flexible and mobile U.S. naval forces, cooperating closely with U.S. military services and forces of allied and friendly nations. Independently or as part of a joint, combined or multinational force execute military and humanitarian operations as talked by higher authority. If necessary, conduct prompt and sustained combat operations to terminate hostilities on terms favorable to the United States and its allies.

SEVENTH Fleet directly supports the three principal elements of U.S. national security strategy: **Deterrence**; **Forward Defense**; **and Alliance Solidarity**. The fleet thereby promotes peace and stability in this increasingly important part of the world.

Of the ships typically assigned to the fleet, 18 Navy ships operate from U.S. facilities in Japan and Guam. These forward-deployed units are the heart of SEVENTH Fleet and provide a permanent, ready and highly-capable presence, while reducing transit times and support costs by operating from overseas bases.

B. Area of Responsibility

The fleet's area includes 52 million square miles of the Pacific and Indian Oceans, stretching from mid-Pacific to the east coast of Africa, and from the Kuril Islands in the north to the Antarctic in the south.

Allied and friendly nations of these regions account for more than \$220 billion in trade with the United States, exceeding any other region of the world. At least 98 percent of this commerce moves by sea.

The U.S. has longstanding security treaties with seven nations in the area and security assistance programs involving a total of 25 nations.

C. Vision

The United States SEVENTH Fleet will promote regional peace and stability by building coalition partnerships while constantly improving our ability to conduct successful operations from the sea.

- 1. We embrace equally the following Guiding Principles:
 - a. Train and equip our forces to operate with the army, Air Force, Coast Guard, our regional friends and allies.
 - b. Be accountable for personal and professional performance.
 - c. Include education and training as an integral part of our mission.
 - d. Safeguard people, husband resources and protect the environment.
 - e. Accomplish our mission through teamwork.

- 2. We are committed to:
 - a. Accomplish our mission and maintaining our readiness to do so.
 - b. Honesty, integrity and the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct.
 - c. Equal opportunity for all.
 - d. Professional, proactive leadership that fosters innovation, confidence, trust and dedication.
 - e. Open and effective communications.

D. SEVENTHFLT COMMAND ORGANIZATION

- 1. COMMANDER, U.S. SEVENTH FLEET The basic responsibilities of the Commander, SEVENTH Fleet are set forth in U.S. Navy Regulations, U.S. Pacific Fleet Regulations and in directives and instructions from higher authority. The duties of the Fleet Commander include:
 - a. Military command and operational control of ships, aircraft, and elements assigned to his command;
 - b. Operational control over other elements assigned from time to time by higher authority.
- 2. COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS Commander SEVENTH Fleet continued to function in the capacity of a numbered fleet commander under Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and exercised operational control over those Naval forces assigned to the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean areas of operations.
- 3. COMMANDER, JOINT TASK FORCE Commander, SEVENTH Fleet is one of four principle candidates to assume the role of Commander, Joint Task Force in U.S. Pacific Command. The two-tiered warfighting strategy, implemented during 1990, allows for direct communications and coordination between Commander, Pacific Command and the Joint Task Force Commander, Commander, SEVENTH Fleet is the principle candidate for maritime contingencies. Due to the capability change of assigned forces, as well as their flexibility and mobility in relation to other Pacific Command Forces, Commander, SEVENTH Fleet is also the principle candidate for most contingency operations in the Western Pacific area.
- 4. FLEET ORGANIZATION For operational purposes, the SEVENTH Fleet continued to be organized into numbered task forces. The composition of the task forces depended upon the mission assigned and varied as necessary to meet military requirements. The task force commanders were (year ending 1997):

Task Force 70: Battle Force SEVENTH Fleet

RADM C. W. Moore Jr.

Task Force 71: Command and Coordination Force SEVENTH Fleet

VADM R. J. Natter

Task Force 72: Patrol and Reconnaissance Force SEVENTH Fleet

CAPT J. M. O'Brien

Task Force 73: Logistic Support Force SEVENTH Fleet

RADM S. R. Loefller

Task Force 74: Submarine Force SEVENTH Fleet

RADM A. H. Konetzni

Task Force 75: Surface Combatant Force SEVENTH Fleet

RADM C. W. Moore Jr.

Task Force 76: Amphibious Force SEVENTH Fleet

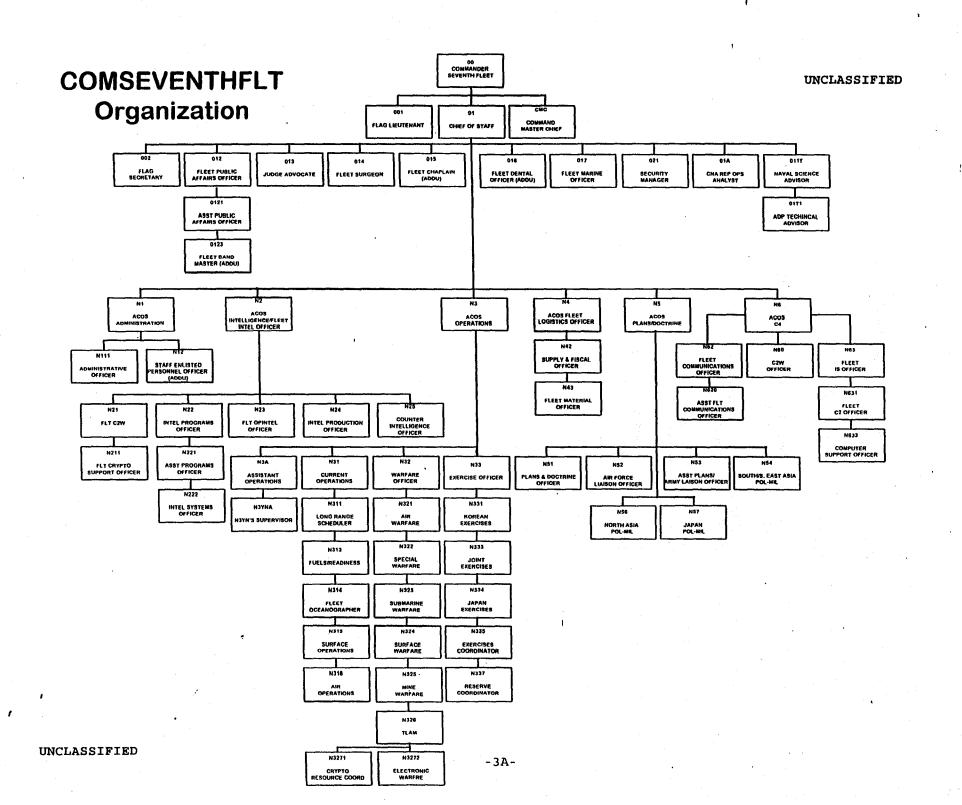
RADM R. C. Chaplin

Task Force 77: Carrier Strike Force

RADM C. W. Moore Jr.

Task Force 79: Landing Force SEVENTH Fleet

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II. Chronology 1997 COMSEVENTHFLT/USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19)

January

- 01 JAN 05 JAN UPK YOKOSUKA
- 06 JAN 13 JAN ENR SINGAPORE
- 14 JAN 18 JAN IPTSTM SINGAPORE
- 19 JAN 20 JAN ENR PHUKET
- 21 JAN 24 JAN IPTSTM PHUKET
- 25 JAN 26 JAN ENR PORT KLANG
- 27 JAN 29 JAN IPTSTM PORT KLANG

February

- 30 JAN 02 FEB ENR BALI
- 03 FEB 05 FEB ANCH BALI
- 06 FEB 11 FEB ENR HONG KONG
- 12 FEB 14 FEB IPTSTM HONG KONG
- 15 FEB 17 FEB ENR OKINAWA
- 18 FEB 18 FEB IPTSTM OKINAWA
- 19 FEB 22 FEB ENR GUAM
- 23 FEB 24 FEB IPTSTM GUAM
- 25 FEB 03 MAR ENR TOWNSVILLE

March

- 04 MAR 07 MAR IPTSTM TOWNSVILLE
- 08 MAR 09 MAR ENR SHOALWATER BAY
- · 10 MAR 22 MAR EXER SHOALWATER BAY
 - 10 MAR 22 MAR NOTE EXERCISE TANDEM THRUST
 - 23 MAR 26 MAR IPTSTM BRISBANE
 - 27 MAR 28 MAR ENR NEWCASTLE
 - 28 MAR 28 MAR LARR NEWCASTLE
 - 29 MAR 30 MAR IPTSTM NEWCASTLE
 - 31 MAR 31 MAR ENR SYDNEY
 - 31 MAR 31 MAR LARR SYDNEY

April

- 01 APR 03 APR IPTSTM SYDNEY
- 04 APR 11 APR ENR GUAM
- 12 APR 15 APR VST GUAM
- 12 APR 15 APR CART II
- 12 APR 15 APR TAV GUAM W/ FRANK CABLE
- 16 APR 18 APR ENR YOKOSUKA
- 19 APR 21 APR UPK YOKOSUKA
- 22 APR 13 JUN SRA YOKOSUKA

May

1 MAY 31 MAY UPK YOKOSUKA

June

- 01 JUN 09 JUN UPK YOKOSUKA
- 09 JUN 10 JUN STRL PHILIPPINE SEA
- 14 JUN 20 JUN UPK YOKOSUKA
- 20 JUN 30 JUN TSTA I
- 21 JUN 23 JUN ENR KAGOSHIMA
- 24 JUN 26 JUN VST KAGOSHIMA
- 27 JUN 30 JUN ENR YOKOSUKA

July

- 01 JUL 18 JUL UPK YOKOSUKA
- 19 JUL 19 JUL ENR PHILIPPINE SEA
- 20 JUL 22 JUL UPK YOKOSUKA
- 23 JUL 25 JUL ENR PHILIPPINE SEA
- 25 JUL 25 JUL LARR YOKOSUKA
- 26 JUL 26 JUL ANCH YOKOSUKA
- 27 JUL 03 AUG ENR HONG KONG

August

- 04 AUG 08 AUG VST HONG KONG
- 09 AUG 10 AUG ENR OKINAWA
- 11 AUG 12 AUG IPTSTM OKINAWA
- 13 AUG 14 AUG ENR CHINHAE
- 15 AUG 17 AUG IPTSTM CHINHAE
- 18 AUG 22 AUG ENR PUSAN
- 18 AUG 29 AUG EXER SEA OF JAPAN
- 22 AUG 22 AUG LARR PUSAN
- 23 AUG 24 AUG IPTSTM PUSAN
- 25 AUG 28 AUG ENR CHINHAE
- 29 AUG 30 AUG ENR SASEBO
- 29 AUG 29 AUG BSP CHINHAE
- 31 AUG 31 AUG ATENR SASEBO

September

- 01 SEP 03 SEP VR SASEBO
- 04 SEP 05 SEP ENR YOKOSUKA
- 06 SEP 24 SEP UPK YOKOSUKA
- 25 SEP 26 SEP ENR TOKYO
- 27 SEP 29 SEP IPTSTM TOKYO
- 30 SEP 30 SEP ENR HAKODATE

October |

- 01 OCT 02 OCT ENR HAKODATE
- 03 OCT 05 OCT IPTSTM HAKODATE
- 04 OCT 08 OCT FEP PHILIPPINE SEA
- 06 OCT 08 OCT ENR YOKOSUKA
- 08 OCT 08 OCT LARR YOKOSUKA
- 09 OCT 19 OCT UPK YOKOSUKA
- 20 OCT 28 NOV SRA YOKOSUKA

November

01 NOV 24 NOV SRA YOKOSUKA

24 NOV 25 NOV STRL PHILIPPINE SEA

29 NOV 30 NOV UPK YOKOSUKA

December

01 DEC 04 DEC ENR HONG KONG

05 DEC 08 DEC IPTSTM HONG KONG

09 DEC 12 DEC ENR YOKOSUKA

13 DEC 31 DEC UPK YOKOSUKA

III. N1 -- Fleet Administration

A. Brief overview of N1 department/mission/events for 1997;

- 1. ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT (N1). The Administration Department, under the supervision of the Assistant Chief of Staff (Administration), N1, is responsible for the coordination of Fleet-level administration and personnel matters, the formation and administration of Fleet personnel policies, and preparation of personnel studies and plans. The Administration Department exercises cognizance of Staff and Fleet-wide matters pertain: Administration, Personnel, Mobilization, and Retention.
 - 2. Number of personnel on staff;

- Officers: 61 - Civilian: 3 - Enlisted: 164

IV. N2 -- Intelligence

A. Fleet Intelligence:

N2 department continued to improve intelligence support to Commander, Seventh Fleet (C7F), staff and subordinate units. Through bilateral exercises with five regional partners (Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, and Thailand), N2 continued policy of constructive engagement and intelligence dialogue with Pacific Rim nations. These exercises also served to highlight N2 capabilities to transition into a Joint Task Force J2 and support Combined Operations on the Korean Peninsula. These procedural reviews lead to the development of the Information Operations Support Center and integration of a N2 officer into the Tactical Flag Command Center Watch Organization as the Information Operations Watch Officer. This support structure greatly facilitates transmission of a coherent battlespace picture of potential hostile activities to key decision-makers. Additionally, the N2 department continued to hold conferences with subordinates and allied nations N2s in order to improve intelligence support to fleet operations throughout the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean.

- 1. Jan 97: N2 staff relocated to new department office onboard USS Blue Ridge immediately prior to departure from homeport for four month cruise. Conducted Staff Talks and OPINTEL training exercise with Royal Malaysian Navy personnel while inport Kelang, Malaysia. Supported Staff Talks with Royal Thai Navy while inport Phuket, Thailand. Coordinated intelligence dissemination architecture for Exercise Tandem Thrust to ensure all combined components and intelligence support agencies have access to a common network. Developed Joint Intelligence Center's interaction responsibilities with new Information Operations Support Center (IOSC) watch cell. Established N211 as the primary circuit point of contact for JWICS VTC and USS Blue Ridge EMO as primary hardware troubleshooter. N27 attended the first JICPAC Theater Targeting Conference in Hawaii. Conference published consolidated list of theater targeting requirements and was attended by representatives from major combat forces throughout the Pacific Theater.
- 2. Feb 97: Supported staff talks with Indonesian Navy while inport Bali, Indonesia. N221 attended Exercise Ulchi Focus Lens Middle Planning Conference at Yongsan Barracks, Seoul, Korea. Conducted final Intelligence Preparation of the Battlespace production for Exercise Tandem Thrust 1997. Finalized C-2 organization incorporating over 150 total personnel, including: 16 Australian Defence Force personnel 7 Naval Reservists 6 JICPAC Intelligence Augmentation Team members 1 USCINCPAC Senior Intelligence Officer 1 Force Protection Augmentee Developed Information Operations Watch Officer Standard Operating Procedure as part of TFCC Battle Watch to be tested during Tandem Thrust 97.
- 3. Mar 97: Executed C2 organization during Exercise Tandem Thrust 97. Significant events included: Established seamless, secure network architectures with combined forces. Executed realistic Target selection and Battle Damage Assessment processes against live ordinance drop zones. Tracked 480 Requests for Intelligence information during both phases of exercise. Integrated Information Operations Watch Officers into TFCC battle watch. Developed standardized online checklist for J2 action items during

- crisis. Fully executed J2X HUMINT/Counter Intelligence Cell concept for both real world and exercise Force Protection concerns. Supported staff talks with Royal Australian Navy while inport Sydney, Australia and conducted Intelligence Working Group discussions with RAN and new Australian Theatre Joint Intelligence Center (ASTJIC). Established secure email connectivity with U.S. Defense Attaché Warning Network (DAWN), allowing enhanced coordination prior to ship and flag visits to countries throughout the C7F AOR.
- 4. Apr 97: N2 attended USCINCPAC Pacific Intelligence Board and presented a discussion on Tandem Thrust 97 Lessons Learned. Began reorganization of the Intelligence Department based on personnel transfers and lessons learned from previous year. N23 code re-established as the intelligence Operations Officer with responsibilities for Intelligence Collection, Requirements, Dissemination and Systems. USS Independence received equipment to upgrade their SECRET JDISS to operate on the Korean Peninsula Combined network if required to execute combat operations. Commenced requirement process for pierside network connections in homeport Yokosuka to maintain access to intelligence products posted on secure networks during periods when satellite communications are not available.
- 5. May 97: Supported staff talks with CINC Republic of Korea Navy Fleet (CINCROKFLT) in Chinhae, South Korea and conducted Intelligence Working Group discussions with CINCROKFLT N-2. N2 reorganization plan completed, organizing office as follows:
 - a. N2 ACOS, Intelligence (CDR Holliday)
 - b. N2CI Special Advisor for Force Protection and Counter Intelligence (SA Murphy)
 - c. N20 Fleet Intelligence Resources Officer (ISCS (SW/AW) Jelderks)
 - d. N21 Fleet Cryptologic Officer (CDR Rome)
 - e. N22 Fleet Warfare Intelligence Officer (formerly N27) (LCDR Verheul)
 - f. N221 Fleet Littoral Warfare Intelligence Officer (USMC billet) (2Lt Skirmont)
 - g. N23 Fleet Intelligence Operations Officer (formerly N23 and N26) (LCDR Taylor)
 - h. N24 Joint Intelligence Support Element (USS Blue Ridge Intelligence Department) (LCDR Skinner)
 - i. N25 Fleet Intelligence Plans, Policy and Exercises Officer (formerly N22) (LCDR Scott) Developed fielding plan for JDISS Lite laptops supporting unique requirements of the Forward Deployed Naval Force. IS2 Hubert detached for duty under the Enlisted Commissioning Program.
- 6. Jun 97: LCDR Scott detached for next duty station at Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, Virginia. N23 assumes responsibilities during month long gap. LCDR Stewart Holbrook reported onboard as the Fleet Warfare Intelligence Officer. N23 attended Naval Warfare Planning System Operational Requirements Team (ORT) in San Diego to provide fleet input into

all aspects of naval warfare planning architecture to meet Joint Vision 2010. N2 conference held at Navy Special Warfare Task Unit ONE, NAVSTA Guam. LCDR Verheul reassigned to Flag Aide for C7F.

- 7. Jul 97: Drafted concise statement of C7F intelligence production requirements for Theater and National Level production. Developed Warfare Intelligence Support SOP providing mission statement and detailing Targeting and Littoral Warfare Support responsibilities. Participated in Exercise Fortress Predator 97. Coordinated with JICPAC OAT to provide target analysis, target selection and BDA in support of N3 objectives. N23 attended second iteration of Naval Warfare Planning System ORT in Washington, DC. Conduct bilateral discussions with JMSDF CINC Self Defense Fleet on methods to improve intelligence exchange between USN and JMSDF operational forces in the Japan Self-Defense Zone. LCDR David Foley reported to staff as Fleet Intelligence Plans, Policy and Exercises Officer.
- 8. Aug 97: N2 attended Korean Intelligence Board in Seoul Korea. Briefed role and capabilities of CCNCC during Exercise Ulchi Focus Lens 97. Participated in Exercise Ulchi Focus Lens 97, improving intelligence architecture for Combined operations in event of hostilities on the Korean Peninsula. Integrated eight Naval reserve personnel and four ROKN officers into single combined N2 organization. Conducted bilateral operational intelligence exchange exercise (Exposure series) with Republic of Korea Navy. Forwarded Joint Expeditionary Support Product inputs to CINCPACFLT. The message provided general and specific product requirements and discussed availability concerns for intelligence products, which support "Operations Forward from the Sea."
- Sep 97: Conducted intelligence support discussions with COMTHIRDFLT during first ever deployment of USS Coronado to Yokosuka, Japan. Provided extensive input into N6 message detailing systems architecture commonalties and departures between two PACFLT flagships. Hosted USCINCPAC J2 visit to Yokosuka, Japan. Developed working POA&M for C7F targeting issues. Included target folder preparation for Combined Targeting Board (CTB) in Korea, development of over 700 potential NCC targets, identification of targeting requirements and development of electronic target folders for CCNCC and transiting Battle Group use. Established a requirement for an Active Duty for Special Work (ADSW) Reserve billet in support of C7F targeting. Reviewed the Joint Targeting Toolbox (JTT) Functional Requirements Document (FRD) and forwarded inputs to CINCPACFLT. Following coordination with C7F components, sent response message to COMNAVSPACECOM indicating need for continued Multi-Spectral Imaging support. Submitted priorities for Evasion & Recovery Areas to CINCPACFLT. Coordinated with JCS J2T, USCINCPAC, JICPAC and 607th AIS in VTC concerning participation in JCS-sponsored Brazen Tiger 98 BDA exercise N25 attended DIA Foreign Disclosure Conference in Washington, DC. Supported Exercise Javelin Maker with 24 hour Intelligence Watch.
- 10. Oct 97: Supported staff talks with CINC Republic of Korea Navy Fleet (CINCROKFLT) in Chinhae, South Korea and conducted Intelligence Working Group discussions with CINCROKFLT N-2. N2 attended USCINCPAC Fall Pacific

Intelligence Board in Hawaii. Hosted visitors from Japanese Defense Intelligence Headquarters, headed by Commander of the JGSDF Central Intelligence Service Unit. Provided imagery requirements to NIMA for approximately 30 CCNCC targets. Specifically interested in obtaining imagery of high interest targets in preparation for CTB cycle. Drafted requirements in conjunction with COMNAVFORJAPAN for increased intelligence connectivity for Carrier Air Wing Five while shore based at NAF Atsugi. Coordinated with PASS-J and JICPAC in preparation for C7F participation in the PACOM Accelerated Architecture Acquisition Initiative (A3) Early Airborne Demonstration (later). Drafted message detailing C7F inputs to the CINCPACFLT N2 Conference. of concern included Intelligence Specialist (IS) and Cryptologic Technician Interpreter (CTI) personnel shortages, improvement and simplification of targeting material and imagery access, Counter Intelligence/Intelligence Support to Force Protection and connectivity for operations with foreign partners. Assisted in drafting quarterly CCNCC Special Operations Force (SOF) Target Nominations message soliciting CCNCC Task Force Commanders' Target Nominations for CCNCC Naval Special Warfare (NSW) and CUWTF forces. Received training on the Land Attack Warfare Support (LAWS) system from Interactive Television Corps (ITC) representatives. Participants provided detailed observations and recommendations as input to C7F N3 requirements message. Downloaded images of five TARPS missions flown over ROK by VF-154 from 23-28 Oct. Missions were scheduled to produce real world 5027 CAS orbit points as well as support Foal Eagle. Images were annotated and placed on JDISS.

- Nov 97: N25 attended Simulation Improvement Conference in Seoul, Korea as part of the larger CCNCC Ulchi Focus Lens improvement program. N25 conducted FDNF Shipboard Independent Duty Intelligence Specialist Conference on USS Blue Ridge. Hosted Intelligence Junior Officer Assignment Officer's visit to Japan. Conducted Video-teleconference with CNO N20, CINCPACFLT N20 and COMTHIRDFLT on further development of secure, releasable networks with combined forces. Drafted requirements for PC and UNIX-based softcopy imagery exploitation software. Requirements include ability to read and convert multiple image formats, production quality annotation capability, zoom capabilities, image enhancement capability and ability to save image at a different scale. N22 and N221 attended the Combined Targeting Board (CTB) Planning Conference and to liaison with 607th AIS, 607th PINES, CNFK and USFK targeting personnel. Issues included target nomination processes, Brazen Tiger 98 participation, imagery exploitation software and Rapid Access to Air Power (RAAP) database training. Developed a new MS-ACCESS® database format in order to account for new data fields required by 607th AIS (Air Component Command). The new database with the new data fields was required to forward NCC target nominations to ACC for inclusion in their RAAP database. Targeting personnel began populating the new database. Requested and received support by NIMA for mensurated data points for inclusion in NCC Combined Target List (CTL) nominations to CTB.
- 12. Dec 97: Supported CFC Anti-SOF conference with Intelligence Preparation of the Battlespace against maritime SOF target. Continued preparations for N2 participation in Tempo Brave 98. Preparations included attending Tempo Brave Training sessions, performing data pulls, obtaining chart and imagery materials and identifying potential targets. Provided recommended training requirements to N32 (Warfare) for Joint STARS training

integration into Korean AOR during DPRK winter training Cycle. Conducted bilateral OPINTEL training exercise with CINCSDFLT Operational Intelligence Center. Completed development and prioritization of the CCNCC Component Target List (CTL). Over 75 targets with prioritized DMPIs were identified for nomination. Participated in USFK/CFC Combined Targeting Board (CTB). Input CTL and Prioritized CTL (PCTL) into RAAP database. Hosted 7AF DO and IN personnel on board USS Blue Ridge. Visit provided an opportunity to display first hand, the NCC operating environment and to brief targeting issues. AF personnel received N22 and N3271 (IW) targeting briefs, toured Targeting, N24 and IOSC spaces, and USS Independence CVIC. N22 and N221 attended Tactical Ballistic Missile training seminar hosted by C7F N324.

B. Fleet Cryptology and Fleet Information Warfare (N21/N327):

1. Responsibility: Fleet Cryptology/Information Warfare (N21/327) is responsible for all Cryptologic and Information Warfare (IW) issues in the SEVENTH Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR). Fleet Cryptology responsibility includes fleet cryptologic training, planning, equipment, policy and operations including cryptologic direct support operations, augmentation, special intelligence (SI) communications, coordination with theater and national SIGINT entities, Communications Security (COMSEC) and cryptologic tasking, collection, analysis and reporting. Fleet IW responsibilities include the training, tactics, technology, augmentation, planning, operations, policy and the execution of Electronic Warfare (EW), Military Deception (MILDEC), Operations Security (OPSEC), Psychological Operations (PSYOP) and IW-related Physical Destruction; and coordinates with external IW organizations, as required.

V. N-3 - Fleet Operations

A. N3 Exercise Summary for calendar year 1997.

- 1. SEASURVEX/LINKEX conducted four times in 1997. RTN/USN Maritime Patrol Aircraft Interoperability Exercise.
- 2. DIESELEX/SEASURVEX conducted times in 1997. ROKN/USN Maritime Patrol Aircraft ASUW and ASW exercise.
- 3. PACIFIC MERCURY 97 communication interoperability exercise between RAN and USN ships
- 4. MAURITIUS API 97-2 Maritime Patrol Aircraft airfield interoperability exercise. Mauritius.
- 5. USN-USAF LINK 11 Interoperability Four times in 1997. USAF/USN link exercise.
- 6. ROKN ANTI-SOFEX Maritime Patrol Aircraft/ ROKN proficiency exercise conducted twice each month, once on the West Coast of Korea, once on the East Coast of Korea
- 7. VP-USAF PARARESCUE INTEROPERABILITY Maritime Patrol Aircraft and USAF training in Pararescue procedures.
- 8. DIESELEX conducted four times in 1997. US SSN and P-3 interoperability training against a JMSDF diesel submarine.
- 9. MALDIVES SAREX conducted four times in 1997. Search and Rescue interoperability with the Maldives and USN Maritime Patrol Aircraft.
- 10. NSFS QUAL EXERCISE Conducted four times in 1997. Naval Surface Fires Support Qualification exercise for FDNF ships.
- 11. COCOS ISLAND Maritime Patrol Aircraft interoperability in COCOS Island. Conducted three times in 1997.
- 12. SPECWAR SUBEX US SEAL platoon/Submarine interoperability exercise. Conducted three times in 1997.
- 13. COLD WEATHER TRAINING US Seal platoon cold weather training. Conducted in Hokkaido once in 1997.
- 14. RAAF EXTENDEX US/RAN USW interoperability training in the vicinity of Guam. Conducted four times in 1997.
- 15. EODEX THAI conducted twice in 1997. EOD interoperability training with the RTN.
- 16. UNDERSEAL US/RTN SEAL interoperability training.97-1 (3), TH, 01/22/97-02/15/97, OCE:CTG 76.10, UNITS: USN: CTG 76.10., OTHER: RTN: SEALS.
- 17. MERGATE Maritime Patrol Aircraft interoperability exercise with the RSN and RSAF. Conducted four times in 1997.
- 18. ROKN SUBEX US SSN and Maritime Patrol Aircraft training against a ROKN diesel submarine. Conducted three times in 1997.
- 19. NSW VBSS Naval Special Warfare visit board search and seizure exercise. Conducted four times in 1997.
- 20. RECONEX US Marine recon company and small ship interoperability. Conducted four times in 1997.
- 21. VALEX SPMAGTF/ Amphibious Ready Group proficiency exercise. Conducted once in 1997.
- 22. ASWEX (JA) Medium scale USW exercise between JMSDF and US ships, aircraft, and submarines. Conducted four times in 1997

- 23. MINEX (JA) US/JMSDF Anti-mine Warfare exercise with EOD, Minesweeping, and airborne assets. Conducted three times in 1997.
- 24. SHAREM SWDG sponsored USW and environmental survey exercise. JMSDF and RAN units. Aircraft, ships, and submarines involved. Conducted three times in 1997.
- 25. SEALEX USN/ROKN Naval Special Warfare interoperability exercise. Conducted twice in 1997.
- 26. MISSILEX Surface Ship and Air Launched Missile Exercise. Conducted four times in 1997
- 27. ISLAND CRAB USN forces EOD exercise. Held in Guam. Held twice in 1997.
- 28. SEA BAT Maritime Patrol Aircraft interoperability exercise with the Bangladeshi Navy. Conducted twice in 1997.
- 29. JOINT COMBINED VBSS EX Visit Board Search and Seizure USN and USAF forces, ROKN forces in Korea. Conducted Once in 1997.
- 30. TANDEM THRUST 97 Joint Combined CPX/FTX. COMSEVENTHFLT acts as Joint Task Force Commander for a large force employment scenario. USN ships, Aircraft, NSW, USAF, USA, USMC, and RAN, and Australian Army forces integrated into the Combined Task Force. Conducted in the vicinity of the Shoalwater Bay Training Area in Queensland, Australia in March 1997. A JCS type one exercise. The largest exercise held in the Pacific in 1997.
- 31. TANDEM THRUST MPFI Maritime Preposioned Forces Integration in conjunction with Tandem thrust 1997. USN, USNS, and RAN forces integration.
- 32. EODEX TRICRAB Trilateral EOD exercise in guam. USN, RSN, and RAN forces. Conducted once in 1997.
- 33. ASWEX (KS) Bilateral USW exercise with USN and ROKN MPA, ships, helicopters, and submarines. Conducted three times in 1997.
- 34. MCMEX (KS) Mine Counter Measures exericse with USN and ROKN minesweeping and EOD involvement. Conducted once in 1997.
- 35. RSO&I Reception Staging Onward and Integration exercise in_____support of Korean US and ROK forces. CINC UNC CFC is the commander. Conducted once in 1997.
- 36. USN-USAF TANKER INTEROPERABILITY USAF tanker interoperability training with USN TACAIR aircraft. Conducted once in 1997.
- 37. USAF-CVBG INTEROPERABILITY USAF/USN interoperability training. Conducted once in 1997.
- 38. CARAT 97 Bilateral training exercise conducted with five ASEAN country armed forces by a task force assigned for that training. Conducted with Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Singapore in 1997. USN ships, helicopters, and a USMC Landing Force.
 - 39. CARAT 97 BRUNEI PHASE Included exercise Kingfisher
- 40. CARAT 97 THAILAND PHASE Thailand phase of the CARAT exercise series., included the exercises: THAI MINEX 97-2/THAI SALVEX 97-2/EODEX THAI 97-2.
 - 41. CARAT-THAI MINEX 97-2 Minex in conjunction with CARAT- THAILAND.
- 42. CARAT-THAI SALVEX 97-2TH RTN-USN slavage interoperability exercise in conjunction with CARAT-THAILAND.
- 43. CARAT-EODEX THAI 97-2 RTN/USN EOD exercise. In conjunction with CARAT-THAILAND.

- 44. CARAT 97 MALAYSIA PHASE annual CARAT exercise series interaction with the RMAF, RMN, and RMA. Includes exercises: WIRA EAGLE 97/PASKAL 97-2/MEKAR 97/PENYU TRIDENT 97/ EODEX 97-1M.
- 45. CARAT-MEKAR Surface ship interoperability exercise with the RMN in conjunction with CARAT MALAYSIA.
- 46. CARAT-WIRA EAGLE Ambibious Landing exercise with USMC and the RMMC 18th RMR. In conjuntion with CARAT MALAYSIA.
- 47. CARAT-SALVEX RMN/USN Salvage exercise in conjunction with CARAT MALAYSIA.
- 48. CARAT-PENYU TRIDENT Amphibious landing exercise in conjunction with CARAT MALAYSIA.
- 49. CARAT-EODEX 97-1M EOD exercise in conjunction with CARAT MALAYSIA.
- 50. CARAT-PASKAL 97-2 Naval Special Warfare exercise with the RMN PASKAL. In conjunction with CARAT- Malaysia.
- 51. CARAT 97 SINGAPORE PHASE Singapore phase of the CARAT exercise series. Includes exercises: MIATA 97/MERLYNX 97/MERCUB 97/MERGATE 97-4.
- 52. CARAT-MERLYNX 97 bilateral Maritime Patrol Aircraft exercise in conjuntion with CARAT-Singapore
- 53. CARAT-EODEX MIATA RSN/USN EOD exercise in conjunction with CARAT Singapore.
- 54. CARAT-MERGATE Maritime Patrol Aircraft exercise in conjunction with CARAT Singapore.
- 55. CARAT-SALVEX 97S Salvage exercise in conjunction with CARAT SINGAPORE.
- 56. CARAT 97 INDONESIA PHASE Indonesia phase of the CARAT exercise series. Includes exercises: ASEM BAGUS, INDUSA SALVEX, INDUSA
- 57. CARAT-ASEM BAGUS amphibious exercise in conjunction with CARAT Indonesia.
- 58. CARAT-INDUSA SALVEX Salvage exercise in conjunction with CARAT-Indonesia.
- 59. CARAT-INDUSA 23/97 Surface ship exercise in conjunction with CARAT Indonesia.
- 60. ROKN EODEX EOD exercise with the ROKN and USN. Conducted once in 1997.
- 61. BLUE/GREEN WORKUPS ARG/MEU readiness and interoperability training. Conducted once in 1997.
- 62. LUNGFISH RAN/USN Undersea Warfare exercise emphasizing submarine vs. submarine interaction. Conducted once in 1997.
- 63. MERCURY Mine warfare exercise with the RSN. COMINEWARCOM staff is involved in planning and execution. Conducted annually.
- 64. KEYNOTE 97 USN-RN interoperability training in conjunction with the Royal Navy Ocean Wave deployment
- 65. ASUWEX (USMC) Antisurface Warfare exercise with representatives of II MEF Marine Recon Company with USN Surface combattant. Conducted twice n 1997.
- 66. SAREX LA REUNION Maritime Patrol Aircraft SAREX interaction with the civil aviation representatives of La Reunion. Conducted once in 1997.

- 67. SHIN KAME USN/JMSDF sub vs. sub exercise. Conducted three times in 1997. CARAT-MERCUB Surface ship exercise with the RSN and RSAF in conjunction with CARAT Singapore.
- 68. PASIR PUTIH USN/IDN Naval Special Warfare exercise with a SEAL platoon and the IDN Kopaska. Conducted twice in 1997.
- 69. SOCEX Special Operations Capable certification for the ARG/MEU team. Conducted once in 1997.
- 70. THAI MINEX Mine Counter Measures exercise with the RTN. Conducted twice in 1997.
- 71. COBRA GOLD 97 Large Force Employment exercise in support of the defense of Thailand. Army led in 1997, USN forces included a CVBG, and ARG and surface combatants.
- 72. MERLION 97 Air to air combat exercise between airwing five and the RSAF. Conducted once in 1997.
- 73. SEA EAGLE 97 Naval exercise in conjuction with Cobra Gold. Mostly surface to surface interaction.
- 74. HARPOONEX 97-2 bilateral harpoon employment exercise between USN and RSN. Ship launched and air launched weapons against a hulk in the vicinity of Okinawa. Conducted once in 1997.
- 75. ULCHI FOCUS LENS large scale CPX in support of CINC UNC CFC. C7F acted as Commander Combined Naval Component Command aboard the Blue Ridge. Conducted annually.
 - 76. SALVEX (K) USN/ROKN Salvage exercise. Conducted once in 1997.
- 77. JAVELIN MAKER USN Maritime Interdiction Exercise. Conducted once in 1997.
- 78. INDUSA RECONEX 97 USMC RECON CO exercise with IDMC assets conducted in Indonesia. Conducted once in 1997.
- 79. VALIANT BLITZ USN two carrier interoperability exercise in the vicinity of Okinawa. Conducted once in 1997.
- 80. PALAH USN/RPN Naval Special Warfare interoperability exercise. Conducted once in 1997.
- 81. VALIANT MARK RSN/RSA/USN/USMC amphibious landing exercise held in Hawaii. Conducted once in 1997.
- 82. MARSURVEX Maritime Patrol Aircraft/RPN interoperability training in the Philippines. Conducted once in 1997.
- 83. TEMPO BRAVE CPX exercising C7F as a Joint Task Force Commander. Training conducted by the USCP DJTFAC. Conducted on board USS Blue Ridge.
- 84. FOAL EAGLE large scale FTX in support of CINC UNC CFC. ROKN/USN interoperability. Included in Independence CVBG, and the Belleau Wood ARG. Conducted once in 1997.
- 85. ANNUALEX large scale FTX in support of the JSDF annualex exercise. Includes air, surface and subsurface interoperability training. Annual exercise.
- 86. SHORTSCOPE/DUGONG USN/RAN mine warfare exercise in Australia. Conducted once in 1997.
- 87. MINEX/EODEX DUGONG EOD exercise in support of Australian exercise Dugong.
- 88. MIO TRNG USMC Maritime Interdiction Operations Exercise with support of MSC Motor Vessel as target.

- 89. TEMPO BRAVE USCP Classroom training for C7F in his role as Joint Task force Commander, in preparation for Tempo Brave 98-2.
- 90. HONG KONG SAREX USAF/USN and the Hong Kong SAR agency exercise for Search and Rescue interoperability.
- 91. SAHARA USN/Indian Navy SAR exercise in the Andaman Sea. Conducted for the first time in 1997, one time.

B. N3 Seventh Fleet 2nd Quarter FY 1997 Schedules:

1. COMSEVENTHELT

- 01 JAN 31 MAR: HPO YOKOSUKA
- 01 JAN 31 MAR: EMB USS BLUE RIDGE
- 01 JAN 31 MAR: ASGN TG 071.1
- 01 JAN 31 MAR: COM TF 071

2. BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19)

- 01 JAN 31 MAR: HPO YOKOSUKA
- 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TF 071.1
- 01 JAN 05 JAN UPK YOKOSUKA
- 06 JAN 13 JAN ENR SINGAPORE
- 14 JAN 18 JAN IPTSTM SINGAPORE
- 19 JAN 20 JAN ENR PHUKET
- 21 JAN 24 JAN IPTSTM PHUKET
- 25 JAN 26 JAN ENR PORT KLANG
- 27 JAN 29 JAN IPTSTM PORT KLANG
- 30 JAN 02 FEB ENR BALI ID
- 03 FEB 05 FEB ANCH BALI ID
- 06 FEB 11 FEB ENR HONG KONG
- 12 FEB 14 FEB IPTSTM HONG KONG
- 15 FEB 17 FEB ENR OKINAWA JA
- 18 FEB 18 FEB IPTSTM OKINAWA JA
- 19 FEB 22 FEB ENR GUAMMI
- 23 FEB 24 FEB IPTSTM GUAMMI
- 25 FEB 03 MAR ENR TOWNSVILLE
- 04 MAR 07 MAR IPTSTM TOWNSVILLE
- 08 MAR 09 MAR ENR SHOALWATER BAY
- 10 MAR 22 MAR EXER SHOALWATER BAY
- 10 MAR 22 MAR NOTE TANDEM THRUST
- 23 MAR 26 MAR IPTSTM BRISBANE
- 27 MAR 28 MAR ENR NEWCASTLE
- 28 MAR 28 MAR LARR NEWCASTLE
- 29 MAR 30 MAR IPTSTM NEWCASTLE
- 31 MAR 31 MAR ENR SYDNEY AS
- 31 MAR 31 MAR LARR SYDNEY AS

- 3. CARRIER BATTLE GROUPS / AMPHIBIOUS TASK READY GROUPS / MINE
 COUNTERMEASURES GROUP TASK GROUP 070.1 INDEPENDENCE BATTLE GROUP
 01 JAN 31 MAR C ASGN TG 070.1
- a. <u>EMB</u>: COMCARGRU 5, CVW 5, COMDESRON 15, VAW 115, VFA 27, VS 21, VF 154, VFA 192, VFA 195, VAQ 136, HS 14
 - b. **SURFACE COMBATANTS**:

INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) 15 FEB 31 MAR ASGN TG 070.1

BUNKER HILL (CG-52) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TG 070.1

FIFE (DD-991) 02 MAR 31 MAR ASGN TG 070.1

MOBILE BAY (CG-53) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TG 070.1

GUADALUPE (TAO-200) 15 FEB 31 MAR ASGN TG 070.1

CURTIS WILBUR (DDG-54) 02 MAR 31 MAR ASGN TG 070.1

4. TASK GROUP 070.4 KITTY HAWK BATTLE GROUP

- a. <u>EMB</u>: COMCRUDESGRU 5, COMDESRON 31, CVW 11, EODMU 3 DET 5, VF 213, VFA 97, VFA 22, VFA 94, VAQ 135, VS 29, VAW 117, VQ 5, VRC 30, HS 6
 - b. SURFACE COMBATANTS:
 KITTY HAWK (CV-63) 25 FEB 28 MAR ASGN TG 070.4
 ANTIETAM (CG-54) 25 FEB 28 MAR ASGN TG 070.4
 COWPENS (CG-63) 25 FEB 28 MAR ASGN TG 070.4
 CUSHING (DD-985) 25 FEB 28 MAR ASGN TG 070.4
 RAINIER (AOE-7) 25 FEB 28 MAR ASGN TG 070.4
 REID (FFG-30) 25 FEB 28 MAR ASGN TG 070.4
 - 5. TASK GROUP 076.4 BELLEAU WOOD ARG .
 01 JAN 31 MAR C ASGN TG 076.4
 - a. <u>EMB</u>:

BELLEAU WOOD (LHA-3) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TG 076.4 FORT MCHENRY (LSD-43) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TG 076.4 NEW ORLEANS (LPH-11) 21 FEB 31 MAR ASGN TG 076.4 GERMANTOWN (LSD-42) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TG 076.4 DUBUQUE (LPD-8) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TG 076.4

6. TASK UNIT 076.3 NEW ORLEANS
16 FEB 20 FEB ASGN TG 076.3

NEW ORLEANS (LPH-11) 16 FEB 20 FEB ASGN TG 076.3

- 7. TASK GROUP 076.5 ESSEX ARG
 01 JAN 31 MAR C ASGN TG 076.5
 - a. EMB:

ESSEX (LHD-2) 07 FEB 27 MAR ASGN TG 076.5 CLEVELAND (LPD-7) 07 FEB 27 MAR ASGN TG 076.5 HARPERS FERRY (LSD-49) 07 FEB 27 MAR ASGN TG 076.5

8. MCM TASK GROUP 076.8

GUARDIAN (MCM-5) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TG 076.8 PATRIOT (MCM-7) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TG 076.8

9. DEPLOYED UNITS

FRANK CABLE (AS-40) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TF 074 CURTS (FFG-38) 01 JAN 01 MAR ASGN TG 075.2 CUSHING (DD-985) 29 MAR 29 MAR ASGN TU 075.9.1 RODNEY M DAVIS (FFG-60) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TG 075.2 FIFE (DD-991) 01 JAN 01 MAR ASGN TG 075.2 FITZGERALD (DDG-62) 07 MAR 31 MAR ASGN TU 075.9.7 PAUL F FOSTER (DD-964) 07 MAR 31 MAR ASGN TU 075.9.7 GORDON (TAKR-296) 05 MAR 11 MAR ASGN TG 073.7 GREEN VALLEY (TAK-2049) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.2 GUADALUPE (TAO-200) 01 JAN 14 FEB ASGN TG 073.5 HEWITT (DD-966) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TG 075.2 HONOLULU (SSN-718) 10 MAR 31 MAR ASGN TF 074 HOUSTON (SSN-713) 01 JAN 19 JAN ASGN TF 074 INGRAHAM (FFG-61) 07 MAR 31 MAR ASGN TU 075.9.7 JARRETT (FFG-33) 01 JAN 29 JAN ASGN TU 075.9.5 HENRY J KAISER (TAO-187) 01 JAN 08 FEB ASGN TU 073.7.2 HENRY J KAISER (TAO-187) 09 FEB 25 MAR ASGN TG 073.5 HENRY J KAISER (TAO-187) 26 MAR 26 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.2 KILAUEA (TAE-26) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TG 073.5 LOS ANGELES (SSN-688) 30 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TF 074 MV 1ST LT A BONNYMAN 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV 1ST LT BALDOMERO LOPEZ 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV 1ST LT JACK LUMMUS 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV AMERICAN CORMORANT 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV BUFFALO SOLDIER 01 JAN 03 JAN ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV BUFFALO SOLDIER 11 FEB 31 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV CAPE DECISION 03 FEB 10 FEB ASGN TG 073.7 MV CAPE HENRY 10 FEB 24 FEB ASGN TG 073.7 MV CPL LOUIS J HAUGE 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV JEB STUART 01 JAN 28 FEB ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV JEB STUART 01 MAR 11 MAR ASGN TG 073.7 MV LTC CALVIN P TITUS 01 JAN 18 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV LTC CALVIN P TITUS 19 MAR 27 MAR ASGN TG 073.7 MV PFC DEWAYNE T WILLIAMS 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV PFC JAMES ANDERSON JR 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV PFC WM B BAUGH 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV PVT FRANKLIN J PHILLIPS 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV SP5 ERIC G GIBSON 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV STRONG VIRGINIAN 01 JAN 23 JAN ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV STRONG VIRGINIAN 26 FEB 10 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV STRONG VIRGINIAN 11 MAR 31 MAR ASGN TG 073.7 MV WILLIAM R BUTTON 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.3 NARRAGANSETT (TATF-167) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TG 073.6 NIAGARA FALLS (TAFS-3) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TG 073.5

OBRIEN (DD-975) 01 JAN 22 JAN ASGN TU 075.9.5 OBRIEN (DD-975) 23 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TG 075.2 PASADENA (SSN-752) 14 MAR 31 MAR ASGN TF 074 PECOS (TAO-197) 04 MAR 31 MAR ASGN TG 073.5 POTOMAC (TAOT-181) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.2 SALT LAKE CITY (SSN-716) 25 FEB 30 MAR ASGN TF 074 SALVOR (ARS-52) 01 JAN 03 JAN ASGN TG 073.6 SAN JOSE (TAFS-7) 01 JAN 09 MAR ASGN TG 073.5 SANTA FE (SSN-763) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TF 074 SILAS BENT (TAGS-26) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TG 073.7 SPICA (TAFS-9) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TG 073.5 SS AMERICAN OSPREY 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.3 SS AUSTRAL RAINBOW 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.2 SS GOPHER STATE 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.3 SS GREEN HARBOUR 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TU 073.7.2 THACH (FFG-43) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TG 075.2 TIPPECANOE (TAO-199) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TG 073.5 TOPEKA (SSN-754) 01 JAN 31 MAR ASGN TF 074 TUNNY (SSN-682) 01 JAN 17 MAR ASGN TF 074 VALLEY FORGE (CG-50) 01 JAN 29 JAN ASGN TU 075.9.5 CURTIS WILBUR (DDG-54) 01 JAN 01 MAR ASGN TG 075.2 YUKON (TAO-202) 01 JAN 03 MAR ASGN TG 073.5

C. N3 Seventh Fleet 3rd Quarter FY 1997 Schedules:

1. COMSEVENTHELT

01 APR 30 JUN: HPO YOKOSUKA

01 APR 30 JUN: EMB USS BLUE RIDGE

01 APR 30 JUN: COM TF 071

01 APR 30 JUN: ASGN TG 071.1

LCC 19 BLUE RIDGE

01 APR 30 JUN HPO YOKOSUKA

01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 071.1

01 APR 03 APR IPTSTM SYDNEY AS

04 APR 11 APR ENR GUAMMI

12 APR 15 APR VST GUAMMI

12 APR 15 APR CART II

12 APR 15 APR TAV GUAMMI W/ FRANK CABLE

16 APR 18 APR ENR YOKOSUKA

19 APR 21 APR UPK YOKOSUKA

22 APR 13 JUN SRA YOKOSUKA

09 JUN 10 JUN STRL PHILIPPINE SEA

14 JUN 20 JUN UPK YOKOSUKA

20 JUN 30 JUN TSTA I

21 JUN 23 JUN ENR KAGOSHIMA

24 JUN 26 JUN VST KAGOSHIMA

27 JUN 30 JUN ENR YOKOSUKA

3. CARRIER BATTLE GROUPS / AMPHIBIOUS TASK READY GROUPS / MINE COUNTERMEASURES GROUP

TASK GROUP 070.1 INDEPENDENCE BATTLE GROUP

01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 070.1

a. <u>EMB</u>: COMCARGRU 5, EMB HS 14, VS 21, VAW 115, VAQ 136, VA 115, VFA 195, VFA 192, VF 154, CVW 5, COMDESRON 15 06 MAY 10 JUN ASGN TG 070.1

4. SURFACE COMBATANTS:

USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 070.1
USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 070.1
USS CURTS FFG 38 01 APR 09 JUN ASGN TG 070.1
USS FIFE (DD 991) 01 APR 09 JUN ASGN TG 070.1
USNS GUADALUPE (TAO 200) 01 APR 09 JUN ASGN TG 070.1
USS MOBILE BAY (CG 53) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 070.1
USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54) 01 APR 09 JUN ASGN TG 070.1

5. TASK GROUP 070.5 CONSTELLATION BATTLE GROUP 16 APR 15 MAY ASGN TG 070.5

a. <u>EMB</u>: VAW 116, HS-2, VFA-151, VMFA-323, VAQ 131, VFA-137, VS 38, COMCRUDESGRU 1

6. SURFACE COMBATANTS:

USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) 16 APR 15 MAY ASGN TG 070.5
USS MERRILL (DD 976) 16 APR 15 MAY ASGN TG 070.5
USS MOUNT HOOD (AE 29) 16 APR 15 MAY ASGN TG 070.5
USS CHOSIN (CG 65) 16 APR 15 MAY ASGN TG 070.5
USS CIMARRON (AO 177) 16 APR 15 MAY ASGN TG 070.5

7. FORWARD DEPLOYED NAVAL FORCES (FDNF)

USS CURTS FFG 38 10 JUN 30 JUN ASGN TG 075.2

USS RODNEY M DAVIS (FFG 60) 01 APR 21 JUN ASGN TG 075.2

USS FIFE (DD 991) 10 JUN 30 JUN ASGN TG 075.2

USS HEWITT (DD 966) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 075.2

USS JOHN S MCCAIN (DDG 56) 23 JUN 30 JUN ASGN CTG 075.2

USS OBRIEN (DD 975) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 075.2

USS THACH (FFG 43) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 075.2

USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TF 074

USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54) 10 JUN 30 JUN ASGN TG 075.2

8. TASK GROUP 076.4 BELLEAU WOOD ARG 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 076.4

a. <u>EMB</u>: EODMU 5, COMPHIBRON 11, NAVSPECWARUNIT 1 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 076.4

USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA 3) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 076.4 USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 076.4 USS FORT MCHENRY (LSD 43) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 076.4

USS GERMANTOWN (LSD 42) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 076.4

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9. TASKGROUP 076.7 BOXER ARG 10 APR 07 MAY ASGN TG 076.7

a. EMB: COMPHIBRON 7

USS BOXER (LHD 4) 10 APR 07 MAY ASGN TG 076.7

USS FORT FISHER (LSD 40) 10 APR 07 MAY ASGN TG 076.7

USS OGDEN (LPD 5) 10 APR 07 MAY ASGN TG 076.7

9. MCM TASK GROUP 076.8

USS PATRIOT (MCM 7) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 076.8 USS GUARDIAN (MCM 5) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 076.8

10. TASK FORCE 712 CORRELATION AFLOAT READINESS TRAINING (CARAT)
CHASE (WHEC 718) 22 JUN 30 JUN ASGN TG 712.0
USS RODNEY M DAVIS (FFG 60) 22 JUN 30 JUN ASGN TG 712.0
USS FREDERICK (LST 1184) 17 MAY 30 JUN ASGN TG 712.0
USS MCCLUSKY (FFG 41) 17 MAY 30 JUN ASGN TG 712.0
USS WADSWORTH (FFG 9) 17 MAY 30 JUN ASGN TG 712.0

11. DEPLOYED UNITS

USS FLETCHER (DD 992) 11 APR 11 MAY ASGN TU 075.9.5 USS PAUL HAMILTON (DDG 60) 11 APR 11 MAY ASGN TU 075.9.6 USS LEFTWICH (DD 984) 11 APR 11 MAY ASGN TU 075.9.6 USS CUSHING (DD 985) 01 APR 06 APR ASGN TU 075.9.9 USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62) 01 APR 02 APR ASGN TU 075.9.7 USS PAUL F FOSTER (DD 964) 01 APR 02 APR ASGN TU 075.9.7 USS DAVID R RAY (DD 971) 04 JUN 29 JUN ASGN TU 075.9.8 USS RENTZ (FFG 46) 04 JUN 29 JUN ASGN TU 075.9.8 USS STETHEM (DDG 63) 04 JUN 29 JUN ASGN TU 075.9.8 USS BUFFALO (SSN 715) 08 MAY 30 JUN ASGN TF 074 USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSN 642) 30 APR 18 MAY ASGN TF 074 USS KEY WEST (SSN 722) 16 APR 11 MAY ASGN TF 074 USS INDIANAPOLIS (SSN 697) 15 APR 30 JUN ASGN TF 074 USS HELENA (SSN 725) 16 APR 30 JUN ASGN TF 074 USS HONOLULU (SSN 718) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TF 074 USS LOS ANGELES (SSN 688) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TF 074 USS PASADENA (SSN 752) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TF 074 USS PORTSMOUTH (SSN 707) 15 JUN 30 JUN ASGN TF 074 USS SANTA FE (SSN 763) 01 APR 03 APR ASGN TF 074 USS TOPEKA (SSN 754) 01 APR 17 APR ASGN TF 074

12. AUXILILARY FORCES

USNS FLINT (TAE 32) 04 JUN 30 JUN ASGN TG 073.5
USNS GUADALUPE (TAO 200) 10 JUN 30 JUN ASGN TG 073.5
USNS KILAUEA (TAE 26) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 073.5
USNS NIAGARA FALLS (TAFS 3) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 073.5
USNS SPICA (TAFS 9) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 073.5
USNS PECOS (TAO 197) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 073.5
USNS TIPPECANOE (TAO 199) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 073.5

USNS NARRAGANSETT (TATF 167) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 073.6 USNS SAFEGUARD (ARS 50) 24 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 073.6 USNS SILAS BENT (TAGS 26) 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 073.7

13. MPF AND APF UNITS

COMPSRON 2 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 073.7 COMPSRON 3 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 073.7 GREEN VALLEY 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TU 073.7.2 USNS HENRY J KAISER (TAO 187) 13 APR 20 MAY ASGN TU 073.7.2 USNS HENRY J KAISER (TAO 187) 21 MAY 30 JUN ASGN TG 073.7 MV 1ST LT A BONNYMAN 01 APR 02 MAY ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV 1ST LT A BONNYMAN 03 MAY 13 MAY ASGN TG 073.7 MV 1ST LT BALDOMERO LOPEZ 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV 1ST LT JACK LUMMUS 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV AMERICAN CORMORANT 01 APR 22 APR ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV AMERICAN CORMORANT 23 APR 06 MAY ASGN TG 073.7 MV BUFFALO SOLDIER 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV CAPE HUDSON 01 JUN 10 JUN ASGN TG 073.7 MV CAPE WASHINGTON 30 MAY 08 JUN ASGN TG 073.7 MV CPL LOUIS J HAUGE 01 APR 28 JUN ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV CPL LOUIS J HAUGE 29 JUN 30 JUN ASGN TG 073.7 MV JEB STUART 12 JUN 21 JUN ASGN TG 073.7 MV JEB STUART 22 JUN 30 JUN ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV PFC DEWAYNE T WILLIAMS 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV PFC JAMES ANDERSON JR 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV PFC WM B BAUGH 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV PVT FRANKLIN J PHILLIPS 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV SP5 ERIC G GIBSON 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV STRONG VIRGINIAN 01 APR 21 APR ASGN TG 073.7 MV WILLIAM R BUTTON 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TU 073.7.3 POTOMAC 01 APR 26 APR ASGN TU 073.7.2 POTOMAC 27 APR 27 MAY ASGN TG 073.7 POTOMAC 13 JUN 15 JUN ASGN TG 073.7 POTOMAC 16 JUN 30 JUN ASGN TU 073.7.2 SS AMERICAN OSPREY 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TU 073.7.3 SS AUSTRAL RAINBOW 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TU 073.7.2 SS GOPHER STATE 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TU 073.7.3

D. N3 Seventh Fleet 4TH Quarter FY 1997 Schedules:

1. COMMANDER SEVENTHFLT

- 01 JUL 30 SEP HPO YOKOSUKA
- 01 JUL 30 SEP EMB USS BLUE RIDGE01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 071.1
- 01 JUL 30 SEP COM TF 071

2. USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC 19)

- 01 JUL 30 SEP HPO YOKOSUKA
- 01 JUL 18 JUL UPK YOKOSUKA

SS GREEN HARBOUR 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TU 073.7.2

03 JUL 03 JUL LARR YOKOSUKA 19 JUL 19 JUL ENR PHILIPPINE SEA 19 JUL 19 JUL ENRAT YOKOSUKA 20 JUL 22 JUL UPK YOKOSUKA 23 JUL 25 JUL ENR PHILIPPINE SEA 25 JUL 25 JUL LARR YOKOSUKA 26 JUL 26 JUL ANCH YOKOSUKA 27 JUL 03 AUG ENR HONG KONG 04 AUG 08 AUG VST HONG KONG 09 AUG 10 AUG ENR OKINAWA JA 11 AUG 12 AUG IPTSTM OKINAWA JA 13 AUG 14 AUG ENR CHINHAE 15 AUG 17 AUG IPTSTM CHINHAE -18 AUG 22 AUG ENR PUSAN 18 AUG 29 AUG EXER SEA OF JAPAN 22 AUG 22 AUG LARR PUSAN 23 AUG 24 AUG IPTSTM PUSAN 25 AUG 28 AUG ENR CHINHAE 29 AUG 30 AUG ENR SASEBO 29 AUG 29 AUG BSP CHINHAE

31 AUG 31 AUG ATENR SASEBO 01 SEP 03 SEP VR SASEBO 04 SEP 05 SEP ENR YOKOSUKA 06 SEP 24 SEP UPK YOKOSUKA

26 SEP ENR TOKYO 27 SEP 29 SEP IPTSTM TOKYO 30 SEP 30 SEP ENR HAKODATE

01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 071.1

3. USS CORONADO (AGF 11) 20 SEP 30 SEP ASGN CTF 071.4

25 SEP

- 4. CARRIER BATTLE GROUPS / AMPHIBIOUS TASK READY GROUPS / MINE COUNTERMEASURES GROUP TASK GROUP 070.1 INDEPENDENCE BATTLE GROUP 01 JAN 31 MAR C ASGN TG :070.1
- a. EMB: COMCARGRU 5, CVW 5, COMDESRON 15, VAW 115, VFA 27, VS 21, VF 154, VFA 192, VFA 195, VAQ 136, HS 14 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 070.1
 - 5. SURFACE COMBATANTS:

USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 070.1 USS MOBILE BAY (CG 53) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 070.1 USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 070.1 USNS GUADALUPE (TAO 200) 09 SEP 28 SEP ASGN TG 070.1

6. TASK GROUP 070.2 NIMITZ BATTLE GROUP 18 SEP 30 SEP ASGN TG 070.2

a. EMB: CVW 9, COMCARGRU 7, COMDESRON 9, HS-8, VA 165, VAQ 138, VAW 112, VF 211, VF 24, VFA 146, VFA 147, VS 33
USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) 18 SEP 30 SEP ASGN TG 070.2
USS KINKAID (DD 965) 18 SEP 30 SEP ASGN TG 070.2
USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG 57) 18 SEP 30 SEP ASGN TG 070.2
USS FORD (FFG 54) 18 SEP 30 SEP ASGN TG 070.2
USS PORT ROYAL (CG 73) 18 SEP 30 SEP ASGN TG 070.2
USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) 18 SEP 30 SEP ASGN TG 070.2

7. TASK GROUP 070.5 CONSTELLATION BATTLE GROUP 17 AUG 15 SEP ASGN TG 070.5

a. <u>EMB</u>: VAW 116, HS-2, VFA-151, VMFA-323, VAQ 131, VFA-137, VS 38, COMCRUDESGRU 1

8. SURFACE COMBATANTS:

USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) 17 AUG 15 SEP ASGN TG 070.5
USS MOUNT HOOD (AE 29) 17 AUG 15 SEP ASGN TG 070.5
USS MERRILL (DD 976) 17 AUG 15 SEP ASGN TG 070.5
USS CIMARRON (AO 177) 17 AUG 15 SEP ASGN TG 070.5
USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 53) 17 AUG 15 SEP ASGN TG 070.5
USS LAKE ERIE (CG 70) 17 AUG 15 SEP ASGN TG 070.5

9. FORWARD DEPLOYED NAVAL FORCES (FDNF)

USS CURTS (FFG 38) 01 JUL 15 JUL ASGN CTF 075
USS RODNEY M DAVIS (FFG 60) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 075.2
USS FIFE (DD 991) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 075.2
USS HEWITT (DD 966) 01 JUL 29 AUG ASGN TG 075.2
USS JOHN S MCCAIN (DDG 56) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 075.2
USS OBRIEN (DD 975) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 075.2
USS THACH (FFG 43) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 075.2
USS VINCENNES (CG 49) 21 AUG 30 SEPASGN TG 075.2
USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 075.2

10. TASK GROUP 076.4 BELLEAU WOOD ARG

01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 076.4

ASGN TG 076.4

USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA 3) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 076.4

USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 076.4

USS FORT MCHENRY 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 076.4

USS GERMANTOWN (LSD 42) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 076.4

USS FREDERICK (LST 1184) 02 AUG 01 SEP ASGN CTG 076.2

NAVSPECWARUNIT 1 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TF 076

11. TASKGROUP 076.7 BOXER ARG 11 AUG 08 SEP ASGN TG 076.7

a. EMB: COMPHIBRON 7
USS BOXER (LHD 4) 11 AUG 08 SEP ASGN TG 076.7
USS CHANDLER (DDG 996) 11 AUG 08 SEP ASGN TG 076.7
USS FORT FISHER (LSD 40) 11 AUG 08 SEP ASGN TG 076.7
USS OGDEN (LPD 5) 11 AUG 08 SEP ASGN TG 076.7

12. TASKGROUP 076.7 BOXER ARG 15 SEP 30 SEP ASGN TG 076.1

a. <u>EMB:</u> COMPHIBRON 1 USS PELELIU (LHA 5) 15 SEP 30 SEP ASGN TG 076.1 USS COMSTOCK (LSD 45) 15 SEP 30 SEP ASGN TG 076.1 USS JUNEAU (LPD 10) 15 SEP 30 SEP ASGN TG 076.1

13. MCM TASK GROUP 076.8

USS PATRIOT (MCM 7) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 076.8 USS GUARDIAN (MCM 5) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 076.8

14. DEPLOYED UNITS

USS WILLIAM H BATES (SSN 680) 11 SEP 30 SEP ASGN TF 074 USS BREMERTON (SSN 698) 15 SEP 30 SEP ASGN TF 074 USS BUFFALO (SSN 715) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TF 074 USS CAVALLA (SSN 684) 01 JUL 10 AUG ASGN TF 074 USS FRANK CABLE 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TF 074 USS HELENA (SSN 725) 01 JUL 04 JUL ASGN TF 074 USS HELENA (SSN 725) 18 AUG 24 SEP ASGN TF 074 USS HONOLULU (SSN 718) 01 JUL 19 AUG ASGN TF 074 USS INDIANAPOLIS (SSN 697) 01 JUL 24 SEP ASGN TF 074 USS KEY WEST (SSN 722) 04 JUL 18 SEP ASGN TF 074 USS LOS ANGELES (SSN 688) 01 JUL 21 JUL ASGN TF 074 USS OLYMPIA (SSN 717) 15 SEP 30 SEP ASGN TF 074 USS PORTSMOUTH (SSN 707) O1 JUL 21 SEP ASGN TF 074 USS BENFOLD (DDG 65) 02 SEP 26 SEP ASGN TU 075.9.9 USS HARRY W HILL (DD 986) 02 SEP 26 SEP ASGN TU 075.9.9 USS GARY (FFG 51) 02 SEP 26 SEP ASGN TU 075.9.9 USS INGRAHAM (FFG 61) 09 JUL 09 AUG ASGN CTG 075.9 USS FITZGERALD (DDG 62) 09 JUL 09 AUG ASGN CTG 075.9 USS PAUL F FOSTER (DD 964) 09 JUL 09 AUG ASGN CTG 075.9 USS LAKE ERIE (CG 70) 16 SEP 30 SEP ASGN TF 075

15. TASK FORCE 712 CORRELATION AFLOAT READINESS TRAINING (CARAT)

USCGC CHASE (WHEC 718) 01 JUL 04 JUL ASGN CTG 712
USS FREDERICK (LST 1184) 01 JUL 01 AUG ASGN TG 712.0
USS MCCLUSKY (FFG 41) 01 JUL 08 AUG ASGN TG 712.0
USS WADSWORTH (FFG 9) 01 JUL 08 AUG ASGN TG 712.0

16. AUXILILARY FORCES

USNS FLINT (AE 32) 01 JUL 04 AUG ASGN TG 073.5
USNS GUADALUPE (TAO 200) 01 JUL 08 SEP ASGN TG 073.5
USNS GUADALUPE (TAO 200) 29 SEP 30 SEP ASGN TG 073.5
USNS KILAUEA (TAE 26) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 073.5
USNS NIAGARA FALLS (TAFS 3) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 073.5
USNS PECOS (TAO 197) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 073.5
USNS SAFEGUARD (ARS 50) 01 JUL 11 SEP ASGN TG 073.5
USNS SAN JOSE (TAFS 7) 23 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 073.5
USNS SPICA (TAFS 9) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 073.5
USNS TIPPECANOE (TAO 199) 01 JUL 10 AUG ASGN TG 073.5
USNS YUKON (TAO 202) 11 AUG 30 SEP ASGN TG 073.5
USNS NARRAGANSETT (TATF 167) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 073.6

17. MPF AND APF UNITS

COMPSRON 2 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 073.7 COMPSRON 3 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TG 073.7 MV GREEN VALLEY (TAK 2049) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TU 073.7.2 USNS HENRY J KAISER (TAO 187) 01 JUL 25 SEP ASGN CTG 073.7 USNS HENRY J KAISER (TAO 187) 26 SEP 30 SEP ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV 1ST LT A BONNYMAN 12 AUG 21 AUG ASGN CTG 073.7 MV 1ST LT A BONNYMAN 22 AUG 30 SEP ASGN CTU 073.7.2 MV 1ST LT BALDOMERO LOPEZ 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV 1ST LT JACK LUMMUS 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV BUFFALO SOLDIER 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV CAPE DECISION 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV CPL LOUIS J HAUGE 01 JUL 08 JUL ASGN TG 073.7 MV GREEN RIDGE 22 AUG 26 SEP ASGN CTG 073.7 MV GREEN RIDGE 27 SEP 30 SEP ASGN CTU 073.7.2 MV JEB STUART 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV LTC CALVIN P TITUS 01 JUL 09 JUL ASGN TG 073.7 MV LTC CALVIN P TITUS 10 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV PFC DEWAYNE T WILLIAMS 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV PFC JAMES ANDERSON JR 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV PFC WM B BAUGH 01 JUL 29 AUG ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV PFC WM B BAUGH 30 AUG 08 SEP ASGN CTG 073.7 MV PVT FRANKLIN J PHILLIPS 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV SP5 ERIC G GIBSON 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV WILLIAM R BUTTON 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV POTOMAC (TAOT 181) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV SHUGHART (TAKR 295) 14 JUL 20 JUL ASGN TG 073.7 SS AMERICAN OSPREY 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TU 073.7.3 SS AUSTRAL RAINBOW 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TU 073.7.2 SS GOPHER STATE (TACS 4) 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TU 073.7.3 SS GREEN HARBOUR 01 JUL 30 SEP ASGN TU 073.7.2

E. N3 Seventh Fleet 1ST Quarter FY 1998 Schedules:

1. COMMANDER SEVENTHELT

01 OCT 31 DEC: HPO YOKOSUKA

01 OCT 31 DEC: EMB USS BLUE RIDGE 01 OCT 31 DEC: ASGN TG 071.1 01 OCT 31 DEC: COM TF 071

2. USS BLUE RIDGE

- 01 OCT 31 DEC HPO YOKOSUKA 01 OCT 02 OCT ENR HAKODATE 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 071.1 03 OCT 05 OCT IPTSTM HAKODATE 04 OCT 08 OCT FEP PHILIPPINE SEA 06 OCT 08 OCT ENR YOKOSUKA 08 OCT 08 OCT LARR YOKOSUKA 09 OCT 19 OCT UPK YOKOSUKA 20 OCT 28 NOV SRA YOKOSUKA 24 NOV 25 NOV STRL PHILIPPINE SEA 29 NOV 30 NOV UPK YOKOSUKA 01 DEC 04 DEC ENR HONG KONG 05 DEC 08 DEC IPTSTM HONG KONG 09 DEC 12 DEC ENR YOKOSUKA 13 DEC 14 DEC UPK YOKOSUKA 15 DEC 31 DEC HOLUPK YOKOSUKA
- 3. CORANADO DEPLOYMENT TG 071.4

USS CORONADO (AGF 11) 01 OCT 06 OCT ASGN CTG 071.4

4. CARRIER BATTLE GROUPS / AMPHIBIOUS TASK READY GROUPS / MINE
COUNTERMEASURES GROUP
TASK GROUP 070.1 INDEPENDENCE BATTLE GROUP
01 JAN 31 MAR C ASGN TG :070.1

a. <u>EMB</u>: COMCARGRU 5, CVW 5, COMDESRON 15, VAW 115, VFA 27, VS 21, VF 154, VFA 192, VFA 195, VAQ 136, HS 14 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 070.1

5. SURFACE COMBATANTS:

USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 070.1 USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 070.1 USNS GUADALUPE (TAO 200) 20 OCT 14 NOV ASGN TG 070.1 USS MOBILE BAY (CG 53) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 070.1

6. FORWARD DEPLOYED NAVAL FORCES (FDNF)

USS FIFE 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 075.2

USS OBRIEN (DD 975) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 075.2

USS RODNEY M DAVIS (FFG 60) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 075.2

USS THACH (FFG 43) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 075.2

USS VINCENNES (CG 49) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 075.2

USS JOHN S MCCAIN (DDG 56) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 075.2

USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 075.2

USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 075.2

7. TASK GROUP 070.2 NIMITZ BATTLE GROUP 01 OCT 15 OCT ASGN TG 070.2

a. <u>EMB:</u> CVW 9, COMCARGRU 7, COMDESRON 9, HS-8, VA 165, VAQ 138, VAW 112, VF 211, VF 24, VFA 146, VFA 147, VS 33 01 OCT 15 OCT ASGN TG 070.2

8. SURFACE COMBATANTS:

NIMITZ (CVN 68) 01 OCT 15 OCT ASGN TG 070.2

USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG 57) 01 OCT 15 OCT ASGN TG 070.2

USS FORD (FFG 54) 01 OCT 15 OCT ASGN TG 070.2

USS KINKAID (DD 965) 01 OCT 15 OCT ASGN TG 070.2

USS PORT ROYAL (CG 73) 01 OCT 15 OCT ASGN TG 070.2

USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) 01 OCT 15 OCT ASGN TG 070.2

9. TASK GROUP 076.4 BELLEAU WOOD ARG 01 APR 30 JUN ASGN TG 076.4

a. EMB: EODMU 5, COMPHIBRON 11, NAVSPECWARUNIT 1
01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TF 076
USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA 3) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 076.4
USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 076.4
USS FORT MCHENRY (LSD 43) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 076.4
USS GERMANTOWN (LSD 42) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 076.4

10. TASKGROUP 076.5 PELELIU ARG 01 OCT 11 OCT ASGN TG 076.1

a. EMB: COMPHIBRON 1 01 OCT 11 OCT ASGN TG 076.1
USS COMSTOCK (LSD 45) 01 OCT 15 OCT ASGN TG 076.1
USS PELELIU (LHA 5) 01 OCT 15 OCT ASGN TG 076.1
USS JUNEAU (LPD 10) 01 OCT 15 OCT ASGN TG 076.1

11. MCM TASK GROUP 076.8

USS GUARDIAN (MCM 5) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 076.8 USS PATRIOT (MCM 7) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 076.8

12. DEPLOYED UNITS

USS INGERSOLL (DD 990) 29 NOV 28 DEC ASGN TG 075.9.8
USS RUEBEN JAMES (FFG 57) 03 DEC 28 DEC ASGN CTG 075.9.8
USS JOHN YOUNG (DD 973) 29 NOV 28 DEC ASGN TG 075.9.
USS DAVID R RAY (DD 971) 09 OCT 05 NOV ASGN CTF 075.9.9
USS RENTZ (FFG 46) 07 OCT 05 NOV ASGN CTF 075.9.9
USS STETHEM (DDG 63) 07 OCT 05 NOV ASGN CTF 075.9.9
USS WILLIAM H BATES (SSN 680) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TF 074
USS BREMERTON (SSN 698) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TF 074
USS BUFFALO (SSN 715) 01 OCT 26 OCT ASGN TF 074
USS CHARLOTTE (SSN 766) 08 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TF 074
USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSN 642) 08 OCT 19 NOV ASGN TF 074
USS LA JOLLA (SSN 701) 28 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TF 074
USS OLYMPIA (SSN 717) 01 OCT 04 OCT ASGN TF 074
USS PORTSMOUTH (SSN 707) 29 OCT 19 NOV ASGN TF 074

13. AUXILILARY FORCES

USNS GUADALUPE (TAO 200) 01 OCT 19 OCT ASGN TG 073.5
USNS GUADALUPE (TAO 200) 15 NOV 31 DEC ASGN TG 073.5
USNS KILAUEA (TAE 26) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 073.5
USNS NIAGARA FALLS (TAFS 3) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 073.5
USNS PECOS (TAO 197) 01 OCT 29 NOV ASGN TG 073.5
USNS SAN JOSE 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 073.5
USNS WALTER S DIEHL 29 NOV 31 DEC ASGN TG 073.5
USNS YUKON (TAO 202) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 073.5
USNS NARRAGANSETT (TATF 167) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 073.6
USNS SPICA (TAFS 9) 01 OCT 09 NOV ASGN TG 073.5

14. MPF AND APF UNITS

COMPSRON 2 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 073.7 COMPSRON 3 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TG 073.7 USNS HENRY J KAISER (TAO 187) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN CTU 073.7.2 MV GORDON (TAKR 296) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV GREEN VALLEY (TAK 2049) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV BUFFALO SOLDIER 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV CAPE DECISION 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV CAPE DOUGLAS 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV CAPE HENRY 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV 1ST LT A BONNYMAN 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV AMERICAN CORMORANT 20 DEC 31 DEC ASGN CTU 073.7.2 MV 1ST LT BALDOMERO LOPEZ 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV 1ST LT JACK LUMMUS 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV AMERICAN CORMORANT 06 DEC 19 DEC ASGN CTG 073.7 MV CAPE HORN 03 OCT 09 OCT ASGN CTG 073.7 MV CAPE HUDSON 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV CPL LOUIS J HAUGE 14 OCT 23 OCT ASGN CTG 073.7 MV CPL LOUIS J HAUGE 24 OCT 31 DEC ASGN CTU 073.7.2 MV GREEN RIDGE 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN CTU 073.7.2 MV JEB STUART 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV LTC CALVIN P TITUS 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV PFC DEWAYNE T WILLIAMS 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV PFC JAMES ANDERSON JR 01 OCT 15 DEC ASGN CTU 073.7.2 MV PFC JAMES ANDERSON JR 16 DEC 26 DEC ASGN CTG 073.7 MV PFC WM B BAUGH 09 DEC 18 DEC ASGN CTG 073.7 MV PFC WM B BAUGH 19 DEC 31 DEC ASGN CTU 073.7.2 MV PVT FRANKLIN J PHILLIPS 01 OCT 01 NOV ASGN CTU Q73.7.2 MV PVT FRANKLIN J PHILLIPS 02 NOV 12 NOV ASGN CTG 073.7 MV SP5 ERIC G GIBSON 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV STRONG VIRGINIAN 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV WILLIAM R BUTTON 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.3 MV POTOMAC (TAOT 181) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.2 MV SHUGHART (TAKR 295) 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.2 SS AMERICAN OSPREY 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.3 SS AUSTRAL RAINBOW 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.2 SS GOPHER STATE TACS 4 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.3 SS GREEN HARBOUR 01 OCT 31 DEC ASGN TU 073.7.2

F. N3 Patrol Squadron Deployments

- 1. 1996 began with two Patrol squadrons deloyed to COMSEVENTHFLT Area of Responsibility (AOR): Patrol Squadron Nine (VP-9), deployed to Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory (B.I.O.T.); and Patrol Squadron Forty-Six (VP-46), deployed to Misawa Air Base (A.B.) Japan. VP-9 maintained 5 of 9 P-3C aircraft assigned in COMFIFTHFLT AOR, while VP-46 split its forces between Misawa A.B. Japan, and Kadena A.B., Okinawa, Japan.
- 2. VP-9 redeployed from Diego Garcia, B.I.O.T. to homeport at Naval Air Station (NAS) Barber's Point, Hawaii, on 15 May 1997, being relieved by VP-4, also homeported in NAS Barber's Pt., Hawaii. VP-46 redeployed on 10 May 1997 from Misawa A.B. to homeport at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington, being relieved by VP-40, also homeported at NAS Whidbey Island, WA.
- 3. VP-40 was relieved on 01 December by VP-1, from NAS Whidbey Island. VP-4 was relieved on 28 November by VP-47, from NAS Barber's Point, Hawaii.

G. Miscellaneous Items

- 1. Frontier Scout: Detailed planning occurred in 1997 for the first Patrol Coastal Class deployment to the C7F AOR. Deployment is a one-time only proof of concept deployment of PCs to evaluate the feasibility and benefit of PC employment in COMSEVENTHFLT area of responsibility. Frontier Scout 98 (FS-98) serves as validation process for PC employment in PACOM and an operational link with the navies and Special Operations Forces (SOF) of the pacific region.
- 2. Frontier Patrol: Naval Special Warfare Unit ONE conducted CV interoperability training with the FDNF CVBG for years. In conjunction with NSW initiatives, steps were taken in 1997 to formalize the process. After successful employment in Tandem Thrust, CTF 70 made a formal request to align one deployed SEAL platoon with the CV. After coordination, C7F directed one platoon at NSWU-1 to be CVBG focused. The intent is for the SEAL platoon to obtain basic skills prior to deployment and conduct advanced training with the CVBG/Airwing in theater under Exercise Frontier Patrol (series).
- 3. TBMD: COMSEVENTHFLT units participated in various technical theater ballistic missile defense operations from August to December.
- 4. Naval oceanographic surveys: Two survey ships remained deployed to COMSEVENTHFLT AOR throughout the year: USNS SILAS BENT and USNS SUMNER. They conducted oceanographic and hydrographic surveys throughout the Sea of Japan, East China Sea, South China Sea, and Philippine Sea.
- 5. **Distant Thunder**: COMSEVENTHFLT was chosen by DARPA and QPNAV N84 to coordinate continued testing and tactical development of Distant Thunder USW system.
- 6. Establishment of Air Component Commander (ACC) Augmentation Cell: In OCT 97, a select group of subject matter experts, headed by Commander Carrier Group One became the direct liaison between the Naval Component Commander (NCC) and the Air Component Commander (ACC) for all matters concerning use of naval air assets in OPLAN 5027.

VI. N4 -- Fleet Logistics

A. Funds provided from CINCPACFLT for normal operations:

OPTAR	\$1,528,000.00
TADTAR C&S	\$374,673.00
FELS TADTAR	\$323,327.00
FELS OTHERS	\$133,000.00
ORF	\$143,388.00
COMREL/EXREL	\$39,800.00
SSO	\$4,000.00
SPINTCOM	\$6,000.00

TOTAL:

\$2,552,188.00

B. SUPPLY/FINANCIAL:

Budgeted and maintained nine accounts amounting to more than two and a half million-dollars during 1997. In addition to these accounts, several million dollars were obtained outside the normal budget windows to complete upgrades to Flagship spaces.

During Exercise Tandem Thrust 97, more than 500 critical material requirements were expedited and acquired in support of Seventh Fleet staff and 440 US and Australian military embarkees. Provided TAD personnel to Rockhampton in Australia during Tandem Thrust 97 to support the Combined Movement Coordination Center. Fleet Logistics developed and implemented a full-up Combined Logistics Cell for the CTF Commander in Tandem Thrust 97. This was the first time in the N4 history that this was planned and executed to meet joint mission needs in a exercise crisis scenario. The Log Cell, under the leadership of the C4 (N4) assisted the CTF Commander in the direction of logistics matters such as strategic mobility, ammo, fuel, maintenance, transportation, evacuation, medical, supply support, civil engineering, and services. This also involved preparing a logistics estimate for the Commander, a concept of logistics support, and clear logistics guidance to subordinate commands to reduce duplication of capabilities and ensure responsive support.

These same principles were applied to exercises such as UFL 97 where SEVENTH Fleet acted as the Naval Component Commander. Goals achieved through this exercise were the timely and accurate reporting of logistics status to the Combined Forces Commander. The reports volume grew seven times that required by the Combined Forces Commander in 1996. The logistics cell was comprised of active duty and reserve personnel, who were successful in the timely and accurate collection and transmission of the reports for the entire length of the exercise. During Exercise ULCHI FOCUS LENS 97, N4 personnel participated and trained four Navy reservists in logistics communications protocol, reports processing, Naval Component organization, and home page maintenance for the largest Command Post Exercise in the world.

C. FLAG MESS:

Prepared and executed over 60 dinners and luncheons hosted by VADM Natter at official quarters for such distinguished guests as Secretary of the Navy, Undersecretary of Defense, Congressman Kennedy, Congressman Sisisky and CINCPACFLT. The Flag Mess division prepared and executed 36 Big Top receptions and special luncheons hosted by COMSEVENTHFLT in 20 ports. During Tandem Thrust Exercise, 13-member division provided berthing and messing support to 100 embarked Australian and US Military Officers and visiting dignitaries, including 11,100 meals prepared in a 37 day period. Prepared and executed 4th of July celebration for Japanese Dignitaries at SEVENTH Fleet's official quarters. ULCHI Focus Lens exercise participant were provided approx. 6,726 meals within a 19 day period in support of eight embarked Flag Officers and 110 additional embarked staff. Supervised and aided with preparation and service of Christmas Party hosted in honor of over 500 Japanese Dignitaries by COMSEVENTHFLT and COMMANDER NAVAL FORCES JAPAN.

The Flag Mess Galley was upgraded with two new ten gallon electric kettles and a 50 cubic ft refrigerator, resulting in better food storage and preparation. Flag Mess personnel refurbished one Flag Stateroom and recarpeted 15 Senior officers staterooms. Personnel volunteered to assist COMSUBGRU 7 personnel with functions hosted by ADM Konestski at Submarine Sanctuary.

D. LOGISTICS PLANNING:

The Log Plans Officer directed the preparations for and execution of Crisis Action Planning for Exercises Tandem Thrust 97 and UFL-97. He provided key logistics information used in the development of alternative Courses of Action and basic Logistics Support Concept for these exercises. He also prepared daily briefings to the Commander on logistics status and ensured logistics information was properly collected and disseminated.

The Fleet Logistics Plans officer in concert with the Center for Naval Analysis commenced assessment/evaluation of OPLAN 5027 and its logistics supportability in light of numerous changing requirements. This study, which will last well into 1998, focuses on port loading, fuel requirements, Host Nation Support, asset usage to support the Combined Naval Component Commander in his portion of the Korean OPLAN.

E. MAINTENANCE:

C7F commenced its first nine week availability which established the standard for Forward Deployed Naval Forces to maintain the highest state of readiness. Our next objective was to fully utilize our submarine tender in repairs of surface ships. This was accomplished by ensuring the tender was scheduled for Japan when most ships were in availablities and optimizing the tender's fly away teams when the tender was not inport.

Co-location of the maintenance organizations in Sasebo to improve the maintenance performance was our highest priority. We tasked Commander Task force (CTF) 76 with leading this major change in maintenance support. A COMPHIBGRU ONE Deputy position was established in Sasebo to head up the new

organization, which moved from Okinawa, lead this process. Senior leadership fully engaged this concept and now all the maintenance providers are together in a "one stop shopping environment," including SRF, CLWP, FISC and COMPHIBGRU ONE (ISIC for ship's in Sasebo).

Flagship modernization continued with several BLUE RIDGE and COMSEVENTHFLT space renovations. These spaces included the N3 complex, Crew Training Room, Computer Training Center, S-5 Office, G-1 Office, MARCOM DET and METRO offices using SRF, tender and ship's force personnel. issue for Tandem Thrust ship's force renovated the Electronic cooling room to create an Australian National Headquarters, 20 February to 23 February 1997. In the 72 hours prior to arrival of Tandem Thrust participants, this space was completely transformed into the Headquarters office. After Tandem Thrust, the space was converted into Flag Mess storage for Special events, including storage cabinets and separating the space for secure storage for beverages. Two highly successful SRAs and three Restricted Availability Training Availabilities improved extended the life of the flagship. During the flagship modernization conference, C7F was successful in getting the modernization of workspaces, substainablity, and habitability projects into the POM for years 1999 to 2004 to further modernize USS BLUE RIDGE through 2010.

Monitored all C3/C4 CASREPs and Aircraft Material Readiness Reports (AMRR) in theater. More than 200 CASREPs and 250 CASREP requisition were expedited per quarter. Coordinated with all of our CTF's for necessary requirements to correct casualties, such as ensuring parts and technical assistance met ships operational commitment time frames. Provided CTF's assistance or funding to acquire necessary technical assistance from all repair activity within 7th fleet AOR and from CONUS. Achieved steady improvement in maintenance support by providing assistance to CTF's with alternative repair plans, sources of supply and manpower to correct casualties. Supply Division aggressively worked supply system to satisfy our ships needs to maintain readiness.

Shifted management and control of the Yokosuka berthing barge from CINCPACFLT to SRF Yokosuka. Previously this asset was controlled by CPF and maintained with contractors that reported directly to CPF. This arrangement provided no local control of maintenance and upkeep. First we changed the reporting and control of the barge to SRF Yokosuka, tasking them to survey the barge and establish a POA&M to correct habitability and material conditions to an acceptable standard. Cost savings were achieved through elimination the contractors and using slack maintenance periods in SRF to accomplish repairs. Improvements are still ongoing and will be completed in 1998.

VII. N-5 - PLANS AND DOCTRINE DEPARTMENT

A. Staff Talks

Staff Talks are used to support the U.S. Pacific Command Cooperative Engagement Program through staff-staff interaction with other navies, emphasizing personal interaction, exercises and scheduling issues, and interoperability.

B. Staff Talks goals

- 1. Indonesia (4 FEB 97), Onboard USS BLUE RIDGE in Bali, Indonesia Demonstrated our interest in enhanced military-military relations and naval professional development.
- 2. Commander in Chief, Republic of Korea Fleet (CINCROKFLT) (8 MAY 97 & 23 OCT 97) Discussed issues related to improving combined operations and exercises under the Commander, Combined Naval Component Command (CCNCC) concept in Chinhae, South Korea.
- 3. Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) Flag Talks (8 JUL 97 and 19 DEC 97) Conducted bilateral meeting of Naval Flag Officers ensuring senior officer support and understanding of issues related to advanced exercises and interoperability with JMSDF.
- 4. JMSDF- United States Navy (USN) Chief of Staff (COS) Talks (23 MAY 97) Promoted strong working relationships between Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet (C7F) and Commander in Chief, Self Defense Force (CINCSDFLT) in improving interoperability between USN-JMSDF, held at CINCSDFLT Headquarters, Funakoshi, Japan (Senior: CINCSDFLT COS: Rear Admiral (RADM) Minari).
- 5. CCNCC MARITIME ANTI-Special Operations Forces (Anti-SOF) CONFERENCES (8 MAY 97 and 11 DEC 97) Discussed operational/tactical warfighting concerns for conducting maritime anti-sof operations.
- 6. SINGAPORE (15 JAN 97) Demonstrated our interest in enhanced military-military relations and naval professional development and promoted a greater transparency and understanding of C7F purpose and requirement to promote security and stability in Asia. 7. Australia (2 APR 97): Meeting between Operations/PLANS, Intelligence, Communications, Legal, Explosive Ordinance Demolition/Mine Counter Measures and Logistics Staff from Australian Maritime Headquarters and C7F in Sydney discussing common issues and advance interoperability between the two commands.
- 8. Malaysia (29 JAN 97): Demonstrated our interest in enhanced military-military relations and naval professional development.
- 9. India (16-17 JUN 97) Cooperation & Exchanges Steering Council/Naval Steering Group, in Hawaii. (Senior: Vice Admiral (VADM) Pasricha). Represented Office of Secretary of the Navy and U.S. Pacific Fleet as the Navy's representative for discussing and coordinating military-to-military interaction and cooperation between the Indian Navy and USN.
- 10. Thailand (22 January 97) Demonstrated our interest in enhanced military-military relations and naval professional development, in Phuket, Thailand on USS BLUE RIDGE.

VIII. N-6 -- Command, Control, Computers, Communications, and Intelligence

- A. COMSEVENTHFLT. COMSEVENTHFLT proposed the Navy Tactical DMS (Defense Messaging System) Initiative (NTDI) to the Defense Information Support Agency (DISA). NTDI is a pilot program designed to provide a validation of the tactical applicability of DMS as demonstrated in the SEVENTHFLT AOR. It is being run concurrently with the effort to develop DMS Navy-wide. Nine pilot program sites were selected to participate, three afloat and the remainder shore-based. The three-phased plan has proceeded well despite minor delays.
- B. TANDEM THRUST 97. This was the largest Fleet exercise in the Pacific and included more than 28,000 personnel, 43 ships, and 250 aircraft from all branches of the U.S. and Australian services. The exercise offered a unique opportunity to study the information management requirements of the Combined Task Force Commander. The need to rapidly assimilate vast quantities of tactical and non-tactical information presented a considerable C4I challenge. The Common Operational Picture (COP) was developed from the fusion of air, ground, and sea information from a variety of sources and distributed to the training audience. The widespread use of email, attachments, and Web technologies allowed this to be successfully demonstrated in a never before seen fashion. The lessons learned from this experience are forming the foundation for an even more successful foray into joint/combined operations for Tandem Thrust 99.
- C. ULCHI FOCUS LENS 97. This year's exercise was widely viewed as the best ever. N6 implemented the first ever integration of Republic of Korea (ROK) personnel into the SEVENTHFLT computer network using state of the art technology. Exceptional hardware and software computer support was provided to more than 400 embarkees throughout the exercise. Utilization of homepages by exercise participants and supporting commands was at an all time high, and provided additional validation of their use as an invaluable asset. Tactical systems such as the Global Command and Control System, the Theater Automated Command and Control Information Management System, and the Contingency Tactical Air Control Center Automated Planning System all were employed during the exercise.

D. Chronology.

1. (January 1997) - Challenge Athena III installation: This installation added an alternative path other than sole reliance on DSCS . Satellite access for network systems like JWICS, VTC, SIPRNET, NIPRNET plus the addition of 24 commercial wideband channels. This addition provided C7F staff with commercial type telephone access throughout the world.

- 2. (March 1997) Tandem Thrust 97 Established C4I architecture in support of largest joint/combined exercise in the Pacific Theater in two decades. Fully demonstrated command and control via web-based technology. Conducted Video Teleconferencing to units ashore using Ground Mobile Forces (GMF) satellite as well as first ever VTC to USCINCPAC MSQ-126 Crash Out Package. Established CTAPS Network via SIPRNET with USS Essex, USS Independence, and forward deployed elements at Townsville, Samuel Hill, and Rockhampton to provide primary means of ATO dissemination.
- 3. (Aug 1997) Installation and successful OPTEST of Admiral's Desktop Video Teleconferencing capability. This gives COMSEVENTHFLT a total of five different locations VTC's can be conducted from.
- 4. (August 1997) Established CCNCC/NAVFOR C4I architecture in support of UFL-97 joint/combined exercise 15-30 August 1997
- 5. (December 1997) COMSEVENTHFLT Commanders NET transitioned to DAMA vice stand alone 25KHZ Non-DAMA UHF SATCOM circuit. Commanders NET is merged between WESTPAC and INDIAN OCEAN UHF satellite by NAVCOMTELSTA GUAM.

IX. 012 -- Fleet Public Affairs

A. Staff members:

CDR Timothy O'Leary, USN, PAO: departed staff, June 1997 JOC(SW) Martin Wicklund, USN: departed staff, May 1997

CDR Greg Smith, USN, PAO: Arrived June, 1997 LCDR Chris Dour, USN, Deputy PAO JOC(SW) Mary Camacho, USN: Arrived May, 1997 JO1(SW) Wayne Eternicka, USN JO2 Kris Sandrick, USN PH3 Edward Soto, USN

B. Mission

Seventh Fleet Public Affairs planned, coordinated and executed programs in public affairs guidance, public information, community relations and internal relations in support of COMSEVENTHFLT exercises and operations.

With respect to special port visits conducted in 1997, the SEVENTH Fleet public affairs team assisted in all aspects of planning and public affairs for the USS Blue Ridge (LCC-19) visit to Hong Kong, following the reversion from British to Chinese rule. Other countries special guidances were provided included Chingdao, China and Vladivostok, Russia.

C. Public Affairs Guidance/Support

Port visit -- 48 Port visit guidances messages issued
Inchop -- 16 Inchop guidances messages issued
Exercise -- 40 Exercise guidances messages issued
News Releases -- 196 approved in SEVENTHFLT
Community Relations efforts supported -- Provided \$19,960 in funding to
SEVENTHFLT units for various community relations projects.

D. Memorable PA events:

The Seventh Fleet flagship USS Blue Ridge (LCC-19) made an historic visit in August, 1997, when it became the first U.S. Navy ship to make a port call to Hong Kong following the country's reversion to Chinese rule on July 1, 1997. The visit was a tremendous success as dozens of various local and international media embarked Blue Ridge for tours and press conferences held by Vice Adm. Robert Natter, Commander, Seventh Fleet. Adm. Natter interacted with Lt. Gen. Liu Zhenwu, Commander of the Chinese Hong Kong Garrison both during a luncheon on board and at the general's headquarters. While in port, Blue Ridge and SEVENTH Fleet Sailors hosted a reception for Chinese government and ministry of foreign affairs officials, representatives from the U.S. Consulate, as well as a congressional delegation led by representatives Harold Rogers, Randy "Duke" Cunningham, Jim Moran and Tom Latham. Sailors also participated in a community relations project at the International Christian School by lending a helping hand to those in need of comfort.

X. 013 -- Fleet Legal

A. (U) MILITARY JUSTICE

- a. (U) Non-Judicial Punishment 18 cases.
- b. (U) Courts-Martial 0 cases.

B. (U) JAGMAN INVESTIGATIONS

- a. (U) COMSEVENTHELT convened 1 JAGMAN investigation and reviewed 2 others from January December 1997. A brief summary of the circumstances of each investigation follows:
- (1) (U) Conducted command investigation into the death of SSGT Hudson that occurred on Yokosuka-Yokohama Freeway in Yokosuka, Japan on 7 September 1997.
- (2) (U) USNS GUADALUPE (T-AO 200) received hull damage while conducting an underway maneuvering/anchoring detail while approaching Sasebo, Japan on 6 November 1996.
- (3) (U) USS CIMARRON (AO 177) and USS NIAGARA FALLS (T-AFS 3) collided while conducting an underway replenishment on 8 May 1997.