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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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(U) In conjunction with Exercise BLUESKY, RADM Linder, Commander of United States Taiwan Defense Command, visited MIDWAY with Vice CINC Chinese Air Force, Deputy Commandant Chinese Marine Corps, and other Republic of China officers. The schedule of events included tours of various spaces, observation of launch and recovery operations, meetings with Captain Brown and RADM Holcomb and lunch in the Flag Mess.

(C) As scheduled MIDWAY transited to the Subic oparea and received a Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection (DNSI) conducted by Chief Inspector for Weapons, Commander Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet, during the period 19 through 24 November. Upon completion of the DNSI, COMNAVAIRPAC Chief Inspector for Weapons assisted by Inspection Board members from Nuclear Weapons Training Group Pacific (COMNUWPNTGRUPAC) inspected all remaining areas necessary to complete the Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI) and Nuclear Safety Survey (NSS). All areas requiring inspection were covered. The objective of the inspection was to evaluate and recertify MIDWAY's capability to perform assigned nuclear tasking.

(C) The inspection revealed no significant and only four minor deficiencies. A grade of "satisfactory" was assigned for the inspection (only an adjective grade of "satisfactory" or "unsatisfactory" is considered).

(C) The final report noted that:

"USS MIDWAY is continuously forward deployed to an area where political sensitivity precludes establishment of formal schools on, or inport training with special weapons. The highly successful completion of the DNSI and NTPI is indicative of the command attention given to the exceptional screening and training measures required in this environment."

(U) MIDWAY continued operating in the Subic oparea through the 27th and completed full daily schedules of flight operations, drills and exercises including a search and rescue (SAR) exercise on the 24th with EDWARDS and missile exercises on the 26th and 27th with DAVIDSON and STODDERT.

(U) All participants considered the SAREX to have provided excellent training in SAR procedures. Effective coordination between surface and air units enabled a very small target to be located expeditiously.

(C) The air-to-air missile exercise, held in conjunction with the USAF First Test Squadron at Poro Point, Republic of the Philippines, was intended to expose fighter aircrews to an air combat training environment that approximated "real world".

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