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Dear Ms. Babcock:

This is in response to your recent inquiry to the National Archives related to the Navy Deck Logs of the USS *Surfbird* (ADG-383) for the time periods of August 2 – 22, 1966, September 7, 1966 – October 7, 1966 and September 8 – 15, 1967. We have located the records relevant to your request.

After a detailed search of the Deck Logs during the requested time period, the ship anchored or moored in Viet Nam on August 2, 4, 7, 12 and 16, 1966, September 17, 18, 26, 28 – 30, 1966, October 1 – 7, 1966 and September 8 – 16, 1967, and enclosed are complimentary copies of those dates.

For cases relating to either Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and/or “Agent Orange” and its related medical conditions, please contact the primary source for such research, as they may be in charge of “the list” and may already have the proof needed: U.S. Armed Services Center for Unit Records Research (USASCURR or CURR), 7701 Telegraph Road, Kingman Building, Room 2C08, Alexandria, VA 22315 or at (703) 428-6801.

Sincerely,

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Textual Archives Services Division
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DECK LOG - REMARKS SHEET

USS SURFBIRD (ADG-383) ZONE DESCRIPTION -84 DATE MONDAY 26 Aug. 19 66
 (Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM Bethel Area 7807'S Vietnam TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>09°-01.2'N</u>	BY	<u>4</u>
λ <u>106°-23.9'E</u>	BY	<u>4</u>

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>08°-58.0'N</u>	BY	<u>213</u>
λ <u>106°-18.5'E</u>	BY	<u>213</u>

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>08°-40.1'N</u>	BY	<u>2</u>
λ <u>106°-02.6'E</u>	BY	<u>2</u>

LEGEND:	
1.	CELESTIAL
2.	ELECTRONIC
3.	VISUAL
4.	D. R.

REMARKS

NO-04 UNDERWAY INDEPENDENTLY ENROUTE FROM OP AREA 113 TO
 OP AREA 713 OFF THE COAST OF S. VIETNAM IN
 ACCORDANCE WITH CONVENTIONAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE
 157 OTR FY 1967 ON COURSE 030 SPEED 15 KTS
 MATERIAL CONDITION YOKO AND READINESS CONDITION: ITT
 ARE SET. WEATHER: SKIES BROKEN WIND FROM
 073° SPEED 16 KTS 0167 c/c 2190
C. A. Long ENS, USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0600 c/c 4 KTS. 0618 c/c 045° 0618 c/c 15 KTS
 0722 c/c 252°. 0727 c/c 240°. 0729 c/c 16 KTS. 0741 c/c 238°.
 0750 mustered the crew on station. ASSESSMENT: NONE.
J. J. Blamack, ENS, USNR.

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE 0814 STATIONED THE SPECIAL SEA AND
 ANCHOR DETAIL 0814 MANEUVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT
 VARIOUS SPEEDS TO DROP THE STD BUOY ANCHOR, LADDER AND
 NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE DECK DROPPED THE STD BUOY
 ANCHOR IN 13 FATHOMS OF WATER, MID BOTTOM AT LAT 08-51.0N
 LONG 106-18.5E 0837 SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL.
 STATIONED THE MODIFIED UNDERWAY party.
Ch. R. Manning, LTJG, USNR

12-16 ANCHORED AS BEFORE 1201 TRANSFERRED THE
 FOLLOWING TWA1 PERSONNEL TO USS GANNET (MSC 290):
 LT V SANTIUSO LTJG S CHANARAPRABA, CD01 P
 ROMLER STOK, CD01 R SUTHIBUTR 1230 STATIONED
 THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL 1234 COMMENCED
 HEAVING IN ON THE ANCHOR 1245 ANCHORS AWLEIGH UNDERWAY
 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS IN ASSIGNED PATROL
 AREA 713 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONVENTIONAL EMPLOYMENT
 SCHEDULE 157 OTR FY 1967
C. A. Long ENS, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

U. S. N. COMMANDING

C. A. Long

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS SURFBIRD (ADG-383)

DATE Monday 26 August, 1966
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1645 A/E 000°. 1649 A/S 19 KTS 1650 A/E 000°. 1700 A/E 029°. 1700 A/E SET THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 1725 A/E 020°, A/S 13 KTS. 1737 SEA ANCHOR DETAIL. 1738 A/E 020°, A/S 14 KTS. 1739 A/S 15 KTS. 1840 A/E 219°, A/S 11 KTS. 1912 A/E 204°. 1915 A/E 219°

J.G. Abamek, ENS, USNR

20-24 Underway as before
C.W. Hoffmann, LT, USN

APPROVED:

[Signature]

EXAMINED:

U. S. N. COMMANDING

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR