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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 2CO8, Alexandria, VA 22315 or at (703) 428-6801.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Cogan".

PAUL A. COGAN
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USS STAR BIRD (ADG 363) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8H DATE FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER, 1966
 (Day) (Date) (Month)
 AP/PASSAGE FROM KHOH SUNG, TAIWAN TO PARAKEE I OFF COAST OF S. VIETNAM

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L 160-33.0N	BY	2+4
λ 108-45.0E	BY	2+4

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L 160-19.0N	BY	3
λ 108-12.5E	BY	3

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

REMARKS

08-04 STEERING INDEPENDENTLY ENROUTE FROM KHOH SUNG, TAIWAN TO MARKET TIME OP-AREA #1 OFF COAST OF S. VIETNAM 1HW CONSERVED SPEEDS QUANTITATIVELY EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE 1ST GY 67. BASE COURSE 254. SPEED 16 KTS. CONDITION OF READINESS OF READINESS IV AND MATERIAL CONDITION YORKE ARE SET. WEATHER: SEAS 1-2 FT, WIND FROM 303° AT 7 KTS 0223 C/S 15 KTS 0254 C/C 354° 0305 C/S 0 KTS 0307 C/C 310° 0312 C/C 300° 0337 C/C 290° 0342 C/C 300° 0359 C/C 325°

De Ruyter, USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE 0445 COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO RENDEZVOUS WITH USS INELICT (MSO-456) 0630 CONDUCTING RENDEZVOUS WITH USS INELICT ON COURSE 350°. SPEED 4 KNOTS 0632 LOWERED THE MOTOR WHALEBOAT 0656 THE COMMANDING OFFICER LET THE SHIP IN THE MOTOR WHALEBOAT TO MAKE A CALL ON THE USS INELICT 0745 MUSTERED THE CREW ON STATION ARSENTEES: NONE

W. W. Long, ENS, USNR

08-12 Underway as before. 0804 c/c 230°, c/s 15 KTS 0945 c/c 244° 0947 c/c 254° 0949 c/c 244° 1010 c/c 268° 1017 c/c 270° 1020 c/c 274° 1034 c/c 284° 1044 c/c 275° 1054 SET SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL and commenced approach into Daitung Harbor, 500M VISUAL 1053 c/c 270° 1059 c/c 200°. 1101 c/c 210° 1108 c/c 200° 1108 c/s 12 KTS 1119 c/c 186° 1123 LET GO ST30. ANCHOR IN 7 FATHOMS OF WATER, mud bottom, 30 FATHOMS OF CHAIN, AT FOLLOWING PTS. i LEFT TANGENT OF HON SON OHA, 354°, RIGHT TANGENT OF HON SON OHA, 042°, SIGNAL Tower, 050°. 1133 SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAILS, SET MODIFIED STEERING W/TAH.

J. G. Blumke, ENS, USNR

12-16 Anchored as before. 1500 Recovered motor whaleboat due to weather.

C. W. Hoffmann, LT, USN

16-20 ANCHORED AS BEFORE 1819 SET THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL 1839 COMMENCED HEAVING IN ON THE STBD ANCHOR 1844 ANCHOR AWEIGH UNDERWAY FOR PATROL AREA 1B OFF THE COAST OF S VIETNAM. CAPTAIN CONNING, ANCHOR DETAIL

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

U. S. N. COMMANDING

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS SCRIBNER (AGC-343)DATE 7 SATURDAY 17 SEP 19 66
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

16-20 NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE STEERING VARIOUS COURSES
 AT VARIOUS SPEEDS STANDING OUT OF ~~THE~~ DANANG HARBOR ~~AND~~
 1907 O/G 020° SPEED 12 KNOTS. OOD WAS GIVEN THE CONN
 1924 SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR
 DETAIL

E. A. Tacy, ENS, USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE 2030 ENTERED PATROL AREA IS COMMENCED
 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS ON PATROL OFF
 THE COAST OF S. VIETNAM

DeBourgh, CTS, USNR

APPROVED:



U. S. N. COMMANDING

EXAMINED:



U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

USS SURBIRD (ADG-383) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8H DATE Sunday 18 Sep 19 66
 AT/PASSAGE FROM OP Area 1B OFF COAST OF South Vietnam (Day) (Date) (Month)

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		3
L <u>16°-15.0'N</u>	BY	<u>2+3</u>
λ <u>108°-25.8'E</u>	BY	<u>2+4</u>

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY	
λ _____	BY	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>16°-11.0'N</u>	BY	<u>2+3</u>
λ <u>108°-45.8'E</u>	BY	<u>2+3</u>

LEGEND:	
1.	CELESTIAL
2.	ELECTRONIC
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4-D, R.	

REMARKS

00-04 Underway independently in assigned patrol area 1B off the coast of South Vietnam maneuvering on various courses at various speeds. Material correction yoke and readiness condition ~~set~~ are set. The ship is darkened, steaming in accordance with COMSEVENTHFLT employment schedule 1st Qtr FY 1966. Weather: Skies cloudy wind 896° 9 kts. seas calm.

J. J. Blank, ENS, USNR

04-08 Underway as before. 0655 Entered 13 mile limit off coast of South Vietnam at Lat. 16°-10.9'N, Long. 108°-32.2'E. 0740 Mustered the crew on stations, Absentees: none.

C. R. Chapman, LT, USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE 1635 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR ENTERING PORT 112 STRANGE THE SPECIAL SEA HAD ANCHOR DETAIL WHICH DISPATCHED ALL PREPARATIONS FOR ENTERING PORT 113 SPECIAL VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS STARTING 1210 DURING HARBOR EMPLOYMENT HAD NAVIGATOR OUTLINE BEHIND 1000 WAS THE PORT ALSO MOORED STBD SIDE TO USS MAE (AS-1) WITH STANDARD NYLON MOORING LINES DOUBLED AND SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA HAD ANCHOR DETAIL

Old Recovery for LTJG, USNR

12-16 MOORED AS BEFORE 1250 Set the special sea and anchor detail. Captain and Recovery on the bridge. 1308 Captain coming, 1311 Underway on course 025° 1316 With signal tower bearing, 165, 3000 yards 96 to 030° and hook departure from Da Nang harbor, South Vietnam. Speed 12 kts. 1333 96 to 085°, 1430 95 to 8 kts. C. A. Gray, ENS, USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1605 a/c 301°. 1608 a/c 335°. 1408 a/c 088°. 1625 a/c 075°. 1802 a/c 225°. 1900 a/c 310°. 1903 a/c 340°.

J. J. Blank, ENS, USNR

20-21 Underway as before. C. R. Chapman, LT, USN

APPROVED:

Mark L. Cook

U. S. N. COMMANDING

EXAMINED:

C. R. Chapman, LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR