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December 21, 2011

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,

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

PAUL A. COGAN  
Archives II Reference Section (RD-DC/2400)  
Textual Archives Services Division  
RDDC-12-02681

DECK LOG - REMARKS SHEET

USS SURFBRD (ADG-383) ZONE DESCRIPTION BH DATE Tuesday 4 OCTOBER, 19 66  
 AT/PASSAGE FROM LOUG HAI, SOUTH VIETNAM TO \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
X _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
X _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
X _____	BY _____	

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

REMARKS

00-04 ANCHORED OFF THE COAST OF SOUTH VIETNAM NEAR LOUG HAI  
 IN 3 FATHOMS OF WATER, SAND BOTTOM WITH 80 FATHOMS OF ANCHOR  
 CHAIN OUT AFT TO THE STD BOWER ANCHOR, 45 FATHOMS  
~~FATHOMS~~ OF ANCHOR CHAIN PUT FORWARD TO THE PORT  
 PORT BOWER ANCHOR, AND 60 FT OF 1" STERN WIRE OUT AFT  
 TO THE STD ANCHOR CHAIN. MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE AND  
 CONDITION OF READINESS III ARE SET  
 CM Log, ENS, USNR

04-08 ANCHORED AS BEFORE 0958 MUSTERED THE CREW ON  
 STATION ABSENTEES: NONE  
 CM Bournefor, ITG, USNR

08-12 ANCHORED AS BEFORE  
 CM Log, ENS, USNR

12-16 ANCHORED AS BEFORE  
 CM Log, ENS, USNR

16-20 ANCHORED AS BEFORE  
 CM Log, ENS, USNR

30-34 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.  
 J. J. Adkams, ENS, USNR

APPROVED:

*Michael Cook*

U. S. N. COMMANDING

EXAMINED:

*R. J. Robertson*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG - REMARKS SHEET

USS SHREBIRD (ADG-383) ZONE DESCRIPTION PH DATE WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER, 19 66  
 AT/PASSAGE FROM LOUG HAI, SOUTH VIETNAM ~~PH~~ (Day) (Date) (Month)

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800	BY _____	BY _____
L _____	BY _____	BY _____
A _____	BY _____	BY _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200	BY _____	BY _____
L _____	BY _____	BY _____
A _____	BY _____	BY _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000	BY _____	BY _____
L _____	BY _____	BY _____
A _____	BY _____	BY _____

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

REMARKS

ΦΦ-Φ4 ANCHORED OFF THE COAST OF SOUTH VIETNAM NEAR LOUG HAI IN 3 FATHOMS  
OF WATER, SAND BOTTOM WITH 60 FATHOMS OF ANCHOR CHAIN OUT AFT TO THE  
STBD BOWER ANCHOR, 45 FATHOMS OF ANCHOR CHAIN OUT FORWARD TO THE PORT  
BOWER ANCHOR, AND 60 FT OF 1" STEEL WIRE OUT AFT TO THE STBD ANCHOR  
CHAIN. MATERIAL CONDITION YOKO AND CONDITION OF READINGS 111 AFT SET.  
WEATHER: CLOUDY, WIND FROM 020° AT 6 KTS

*Del Rowningfa, USN*

Φ4-Φ8 ANCHORED AS BEFORE Φ750 MUSTERED THE CREW ON  
STATION, ABSENTEES: NONE

*C. H. Bigg, ENS, USNA*

Φ8-12 ANCHORED AS BEFORE  
*Del Rowningfa, USN*

12-16 ANCHORED AS BEFORE  
*Del Rowningfa, USN*

16-20 ANCHORED AS BEFORE  
*Del Rowningfa, USN*

20-24 ANCHORED AS BEFORE  
*Del Rowningfa, USN*

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

*Walt Lee*

U. S. N. COMMANDING

*Del Rowningfa*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG - REMARKS SHEET

USS SUREBORN (AD 4383) ZONE DESCRIPTION = BH DATE THURSDAY 6 OCT. 1966  
 AT/PASSAGE FROM LOU HA, SOUTH VIETNAM TO \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
A _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
A _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
A _____	BY _____	

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

REMARKS

00-04 ANCHORED OFF THE COAST OF SOUTH VIETNAM NEAR LOU HA IN 3 FATHOMS OF WATER, SAND BOTTOM WITH 80 FATHOMS OF CHAIN OUT AFT TO THE STBD. BOWLER ANCHOR, 45 FATHOMS OF CHAIN OUT FWD TO THE PORT BOW ANCHOR, AND GOFT OF 1" WIRE OUT AFT TO THE STBD ANCHOR CHAIN. MATERIAL CONDITION YOK. AND CONDITION OF READINESS III ARE SET. WEATHER: OVERCAST, WIND 055°, 12 KTS.  
 04-08 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. DIST. MUTTERED THE CREW ON STATION. ARRANGES! NONE  
 08-12 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. DePewing Jr, CT36, USNR  
 12-16 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. J. J. Alamek, ENS, USNR  
 16-20 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. J. J. Alamek, ENS, USNR  
 20-24 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. DePewing Jr, CT36, USNR

APPROVED:

*[Signature]*

U. S. N. COMMANDING

EXAMINED:

*[Signature]*

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR