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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 are 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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "P" and "C".

PAUL A. COGAN  
Archives II Reference Section (RD-DC/2400)  
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DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS SUREBIRD (AG-383) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8 H DATE SATURDAY 16 September, 19 67  
 (Day) (Date) (Month)  
 AT/PASSAGE FROM Con Son Island, South Vietnam TO KUCHING, (BORNEO) MALAYSIA

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L	BY	
X	BY	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L	08°-21'N	BY 3
X	106°-53'E	BY 3

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L	07°-07'N	BY 1
X	107°-44'E	BY 1

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

REMARKS

00-04 Anchored in Vung Dong Bac Bay, Con Son Island, South Vietnam, in seven fathoms of water, sand bottom, with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor at the outer edge on the following anchorage bearings: Redden tower 295°, Mai De Hinh 023° and Mai Con Chin 167°. Meteorol condition YOKE set. No other ships present.

*J. H. Adamer*  
 J. H. ADAMER, LTJG, USNR

04-08 Moved as before. 0745 Mustered the crew at quarters. Absentees: None.  
*J. H. Adamer*  
 J. H. ADAMER, LTJG, USNR

08-12 Moved as before. Commenced preparations for getting underway. Set meteorol condition YOKE. Stationed the special sea detail. 0821 Completed all preparations for getting underway. Draft: forward 9'-3", aft 10'. 0822 Underway for Kuching (Borneo) Malaysia in compliance with CONSERVATIVE employment schedule, 1st qtr. FY 68. Maneuvering to clear the anchorage, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. DDW coming. 0852 Secured Special Sea and anchor detail. Set readiness condition FIVE. 0855 Properly relieved. Base course 150°, speed 13Kts.  
*J. H. Adamer*  
 J. H. ADAMER, LTJG, USNR

0855 Underway as before. <sup>440912</sup>0812 Held men overboard drill followed by Lumper drills for 3000 $\pm$ . 1042 Secured from drills. Set course 150° speed 10Kts. 1105  $\pm$  to 12 Kts. 1129 Held steering casualty drill. 1133 Secured from drills.  
*Charles W. McManis*  
 C. H. McMANIS, EMCS, USN

12-16 Underway as before. 1236 Conducted steering casualty drill. 1240 Secured from drill. 1327 Conducted steering casualty drill. 1355 Secured from drill.  
*Frank D. Snelunt*  
 F. D. SNEUNUT, BM1, USN

16-20 Underway as before. 1418 Conducted STEERING CASUALTY DRILL 1622 SECURED from steering casualty drills.  
*J. W. Vaccaro*  
 J. W. VACCARO, WO-1, USN

EXAMINED

*J. H. Adamer*  
 J. H. ADAMER, LTJG

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR