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COMSUBPAC CHIEF OF STAFF POLICY MEMORANDUM 00-1

Subj: STANDING ORDERS AND POLICY WHILE EMBARKED

Ref: (a) U.S. Naval Regulations, 1990

1. Responsibilities set forth in reference (a) require that I be provided information when I am embarked. The Commanding Officer should observe normal customs, traditions and courtesies at sea. During my embarked time I do not desire any departure from normal practices of seamanship or navigation in an effort to accommodate my personal convenience.

2. The Commanding Officer will operate his ship safely in all three dimensions, and will take particular note of shallow water operations, both surfaced and submerged, as well as the danger of unintentional approach to their ship, which could cause the potential risk of collision.

3. As soon as practical after I embark, I would like a briefing on the operations and schedule for the ship's evolutions, which will occur during the period that I am onboard. This may be accomplished in conjunction with your scheduled brief of the crew or officers, or to me separately, but should include:

- a. Areas assigned and other units involved.
- b. Safety precautions and operational constraints.
- c. Mutual interference considerations.
- d. Navigational tracks and plans.
- e. Scheduled drills, exercises and training evolutions involving other forces and own ship's internal drills.
- f. Peacetime Safety Brief for exercise torpedo firing.

4. Reports

a. I expect reports on significant changes to the ship's status relating to ship control, navigation and readiness of the ship to perform planned drills or operational commitments.

b. I do not desire reports of a routine nature on equipment operation or material conditions except as they may affect the readiness of the ship to meet planned commitments or potential combat assignments.

c. Specifically, the Officer of the Deck or the Commanding Officer should report to me:

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(1) Any unexpected navigation situation, including sighting of navigation aids constituting a landfall and navigation information indicating the ship is 20 minutes or more from its intended DR position.

(2) Deviations from pre-planned sequence of events, courses, speed, or other maneuvers contained in the Commanding Officer's Night Orders.

(3) Any marked change in the barometer, wind, sea state, or visibility, including the stationing of the Reduced Visibility Detail.

(4) The occurrence of unusual sightings or events including all submarine and warship contacts.

(5) Approaching within four miles of a charted sounding of ten fathoms or less.

(6) When approaching the 50FM curve inbound and outbound.

(7) Closing either ships to a CPA of less than 1000 yards while submerged or 4000 yards while surfaced in the open sea. This report should include the need to do so and the Commanding Officer's intentions.

(8) Receipt of a red or yellow sounding.

5. Miscellaneous

a. Ordinarily, I will come to the bridge for the harbor passage, both entering and leaving.

b. Normally, I wish to dine with the Officers of the wardroom. I prefer that the ship's menu not be altered for my embarkation.

c. I desire to review message traffic originated by or addresses to your ship and I desire to see message traffic concerning ships of the force. Normally a review of your broadcast file every evening will meet this need except for traffic of Priority precedence or higher.

d. Ship schedule and operations permitting, I wish to meet with the Officers and the Chief Petty Officers, to brief each group on current topics of interest to the Submarine Force, to discuss issues and answer questions.

e. I desire to read and initial the Night Orders. If you issue Standing Orders to the OOD, I desire to see them on embarking.

f. I desire to know any watchsections that are Port and Starboard, along with the number of personnel that are hot racking.

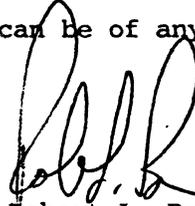
g. If you desire that I observe an officer for qualifications, notify me on embarkation so that I may observe him for the entire underway period.

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h. I will conduct an inspection of your spaces while underway. I desire the COB and EDMC to accompany me. Your COB should schedule this with me shortly after I embark.

6. I do not intend, nor desire to interfere with the normal practices of the Commanding Officer. Nothing in these orders should be construed to limit or deviate from the standing orders of the Commanding Officer. Any such deviation should be brought to my attention immediately upon discovery.

7. Thanks for having me aboard. If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to ask.



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