

U.S. Pacific Fleet Information

REPORT OF THE COURT OF INQUIRY

The following is a copy of the Report of the Court of Inquiry and accompanying procedural and evidentiary exhibits into the circumstances surrounding the collision between USS GREENEVILLE (SSN-772) and Japanese M/V EHIME MARU that occurred off the coast of Oahu, Hawaii on February 9, 2001. This report has been processed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552.

It has been determined that the report and exhibits are releasable to the public. Certain portions of information/documents within the report have been withheld under the following FOIA provisions:

Exemption (b)(1)

Information/documents relating to the classified operations of USS GREENEVILLE (SSN-772) was redacted or removed from the record in its entirety. This information is properly and currently classified in the interest of national defense or foreign policy, as specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive Order 12,958 and implementing regulations.

Exemption (b)(3)

As required by 10 U.S.C. 130b, the names, duty telephone numbers and email addresses, and ship addresses of military members assigned to USS GREENEVILLE or other deployable units were redacted.

Exemption (b)(6)

The names, social security numbers, personal telephone numbers, home addresses and personal email addresses of other military and civilian personnel were redacted, since release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of their personal privacy.

Note. Although normally exempt from release under FOIA, names included in personal statements (under Exemption (b)(3)), Officer Fitness Reports and an Enlisted Evaluation (under Exemption (b)(6)) were not redacted since the information was made available as part of the Court of Inquiry proceeding. Disclosures in these instances are discretionary and do not constitute a waiver of the right to claim an exemption for similar information in the future.