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IN REPLY REFER TO  
5720  
Ser N00J/0096  
4 Mar 2010

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a copy of the JAGMAN investigation into the collision between USS HARTFORD (SSN 768) and USS New Orleans (LPD 18) which occurred on March 20, 2009. Your request was received on December 23, 2009 and assigned file number FOIA CNSF FY2010-6.

Your request was forwarded to this command from Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command because certain documents fall under the cognizance of Commander, Naval Surface Forces. We have reviewed the documents which are responsive to your request and they are partially released to you in the timeframe that you requested. Please be advised that USS NEW ORLEANS Deck Log of 19-20 Mar 09 was redacted pursuant to FOIA Exemption b(6), 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6), which prohibits release of any information that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy of other individuals identified in the deck logs. USS NEW ORLEANS Position Log of 19-20 Mar 09 and Pilot Information Card has been withheld under FOIA Exemption b(2) because the documents contain sensitive rules and practices which, if released, would create foreseeable harm to Ship's company and the strategic security of the ship. USS NEW ORLEANS Memorandum of Post-Collision Actions has been released in its entirety.

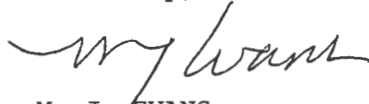
The USS NEW ORLEANS Damage and Repair Photographs and Collision Repair Report have been forwarded to NAVCENT and NAVSEA for release determination as matters under their cognizance.

There are no fees associated with the processing of your request by this office.

If you believe that the enclosed documents are not responsive to your request or have been improperly redacted, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination, in writing, to the Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Code 14), 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066. Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter to be considered. A statement as to why your appeal should be granted should be included and the enclosed copy of this letter should be attached. Both the appeal letter and the envelope should bear the notation, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Any questions concerning this matter should be directed to LT James P. Andrews, JAGC, U.S. Navy, directly at (619) 437-2054 or james.p.andrews@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. J. Evans".

M. J. EVANS  
Captain, U.S. Navy  
Judge Advocate General's Corps  
Force Judge Advocate  
By direction of the Commander

Copy to: Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command

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# SHIP'S DECK LOG SHEET

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ENCLOSURE 6

SHIP TYPE		HULL NUMBER		YEAR	MONTH	ZONE	DAY	USS <u>A.L. TALKINS</u>	CLASS HANDL
D	A	518	1218	12	13	14	15	AT PASSAGE FROM _____	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TO _____	78 79

POSITION	ZONE	TIME	POSITION	ZONE	TIME	POSITION	ZONE	TIME	LEGEND 1-CELESTIAL 2-ELECTRONIC 3-VISUAL 4-D R
0800			1200			2000			
L _____		BY _____	L _____		BY _____	L _____		BY _____	
A _____		BY _____	A _____		BY _____	A _____		BY _____	

TIME	ORDER	CSE	SPEED	DEPTH	RECORD OF ALL EVENTS OF THE DAY	
18 21	23 29	30 32	33 36	37 - 40	41	
					1:00 - 2:00 (LOG)	
1814	RSR	110				
1816	STDY	020		020		
1819				00	10 OF THE BRIDGE	
1825				00	10 OF THE BRIDGE	
1830	CL	010				
1832	STDY	010		010	DWARF	
1834	CL	300				
1835					SET RIVER CITY 2	
1837		020		020		
1838	CL	350				
1840	STDY	350		349	DELM	
1843	CL	345				
1846	STDY	395		343	DELM	
1850	CL	335				
1851	STDY	336		333	DELM	
1857	RSR	340				
1900	STDY	310		317	DELM	
1906	STDY	317		316	DELM	
1939				00	10 OF THE BRIDGE	
1953	AAS		14			
2000				00	10 OF THE BRIDGE	
2000	RDR	110				
2001	STDY	110		110	DELM	
2005	CL	200				
2005	STDY	200		347	DELM	
2007	AAS		11			
					NAVIGATION SHIFTED LEAKS TO 347	
					NAVIGATION SHIFTED TO 347	
2007	LSP	500				
2007	RSR	500		500	DELM	

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SHIP TYPE				HULL NUMBER		
D	A	L 770	011			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

YEAR	MONTH	ZONE	DAY
17	10	17	22

USS USS (NCC-71)

AT/PASSAGE FROM China

TO Admiralty

CLASS

MANUAL

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

LEGEND

1 - CELESTIAL

2 - ELECTRONIC

3 - VISUAL

4 - D. R.

TIME	ORDER	CSE	SPEED	DEPTH	RECORD OF ALL EVENTS OF THE DAY
18 - 21	23 29	30 32	33 36	37 - 40 41	
					1100 - 2200 (CONT)
2040	AAS		15		
2041	RICK	348			
2047	STBY	348		347	
2052					NAVIGATION SHIP LED TO 5 MINUTE FIXES.
2056					(C) IS ON THE BRIDGE
2100					(C) IS OFF THE BRIDGE
2101					ENT FRAD OWN TERRITORIAL WATERS.
2102					(C) IS ON THE BRIDGE.
2103	LICK	330			
2131	STBY	330		329	
2133	LICK	310			
2136	STBY	300		298	DEFUAL
2139					(C) CIED IN AND STARTED M.P.D.
2141	RICK	310			
2142					HAS THE LEAD.
2143	STBY	330			
2144	RICK	340			
2148	STBY	340		338	
2155					HAS THE LEAD.
				λ	
				λ	
					2200 - 0200
2155					Assigned the target view as before.
2158	CL	330			
2159	STBY	330		329	
2200	CL	340			
2204	STBY	329		322	DEFUAL
2205	LICK	330			
2208	STBY	310			

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SHIP TYPE		HULL NUMBER		YEAR	MONTH	ZONE	DAY	USS <u>USSC 2010</u>	CLASS HANDL	
D	A	L	P	8	7	12	13	AT/PASSAGE FROM <u>YAKA</u>		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TO <u>YAKA</u>	90	70

POSITION	ZONE	TIME	POSITION	ZONE	TIME	POSITION	ZONE	TIME	LEGEND 1 CELESTIAL 2 ELECTRONIC 3 VISUAL 4 D R
0800			1200			2000			
L _____ BY _____			L _____ BY _____			L _____ BY _____			
λ _____ BY _____			λ _____ BY _____			λ _____ BY _____			

TIME	ORDER	CSE	SPEED	DEPTH	RECORD OF ALL EVENTS OF THE DAY
18 21	23 29	30 32	33 36	37 - 40 41	
					1700-2200 (CONT)
2214					NAVIGATION CHANGED TO 3 MINUTE FIXES.
2230	STDY	266		263	
2240	AAF			105	EPM
2253	CL	263			
	STDY	253		251	DFMC
2300	CL	249			
2301	STDY	249		240	DFMC
2304	CL	245			
2305	STDY	245		213	DFMC
2311	CR	250			
2313	STDY	250		247	DFMC
					EXITING TERRITORIAL WATERS
2329					CO IS OFF THE BRIDGE
2337					CO IS ON THE BRIDGE
2341					EXITING CHAN TERRITORIAL WATERS
2344					CO IS OFF THE BRIDGE
2358					CO IS ON THE BRIDGE
	AA1		1		CO IS OFF THE BRIDGE
2358					SHIP TOW LARGE SHUTTER AT 24 SIG N
					CSL 29.3E LIST IS 1 IN LEFT 213D
0011					CO ON BRIDGE
0012					FROM TAC, CONSOLE REPORTING
					MAN THE PORT SIDE
0011					LONG WAVE CASTER ON AUX 1 LIGHT SIGNAL
					INVESTIGATOR IS TAKING OPERATIONS AS A TB
					0023
	AA1		2		



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SHIP TYPE		HULL NUMBER		YEAR	MONTH	ZONE	DAY	USS <u>Albatross (SS-401)</u>										CLASS	HANDL	
D	A	L	P	E	R			ATT PASSAGE FROM _____										CLASS	HANDL	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TO _____													

POSITION ZONE TIME 0800 L _____ BY _____ λ _____ BY _____	POSITION ZONE TIME 1200 L _____ BY _____ λ _____ BY _____	POSITION ZONE TIME 2000 L _____ BY _____ λ _____ BY _____	LEGEND 1 - CELESTIAL 2 - ELECTRONIC 3 - VISUAL 4 - D.R.
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TIME	ORDER	CSE	SPEED	DEPTH	RECORD OF ALL EVENTS OF THE DAY
18 21	23 - 29	30 32	33 36	37 - 40 41	
1822					1700 - 2700 (cont)
					POINT OFFICAL ON STATION
					BOAT DECK MANEUVERED AND READY
1824					EMBARK THE BOAT
1825					LAUNCH THE RAB
1826					SET RIVER CITY 1-
					BOMB OUT OF SKIDS
1827					BOAT IS OUTSIDE SKIN OF THE SHIP
1829					BOAT IN WATER
					THIS LAST BOAT
					AGI AND FWD STERN LINE (AGI) SET
					RHIC - 2 AVIN.
1833					RHIC - SPECIAL FILL
1841					NO APPROXIMATE VIEW OF SHIPWRECK IN THE 3-
1844					CO. AND SIGHT
					SUMMARY REPORTED OF PERI SHIPWRECK
					BOAT 259 FOR FRESH 25
1856					509 REPORTS THE MORE LIGHTS AND SOUND
					DETECTORS WORKING WITH AGI.
1859					AGI AND FWD STERN LINE (AGI) SET
					RHIC - 2 AVIN.
1859					RHIC - SPECIAL FILL
1901					NO APPROXIMATE VIEW OF SHIPWRECK IN THE 3-
					CO. AND SIGHT
					SUMMARY REPORTED OF PERI SHIPWRECK
					BOAT 259 FOR FRESH 25
1906					509 REPORTS THE MORE LIGHTS AND SOUND
					DETECTORS WORKING WITH AGI.
1909					AGI AND FWD STERN LINE (AGI) SET
					RHIC - 2 AVIN.
1911					RHIC - SPECIAL FILL
1914					NO APPROXIMATE VIEW OF SHIPWRECK IN THE 3-
					CO. AND SIGHT
					SUMMARY REPORTED OF PERI SHIPWRECK
					BOAT 259 FOR FRESH 25
1916					509 REPORTS THE MORE LIGHTS AND SOUND
					DETECTORS WORKING WITH AGI.
1917					AGI AND FWD STERN LINE (AGI) SET
					RHIC - 2 AVIN.
1918					RHIC - SPECIAL FILL
1920					NO APPROXIMATE VIEW OF SHIPWRECK IN THE 3-
					CO. AND SIGHT
					SUMMARY REPORTED OF PERI SHIPWRECK
					BOAT 259 FOR FRESH 25
1921					509 REPORTS THE MORE LIGHTS AND SOUND
					DETECTORS WORKING WITH AGI.

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SHIP TYPE				HULL NUMBER		
D	A					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

YEAR	MONTH	ZONE	DAY				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

E  
22

USS USS ...

AT/PASSAGE FROM \_\_\_\_\_

TO \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS	HANDL

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____		BY _____
λ _____		BY _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____		BY _____
λ _____		BY _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____		BY _____
λ _____		BY _____

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

TIME	ORDER	CSE	SPEED	DEPTH	RECORD OF ALL EVENTS OF THE DAY	77
18 - 21	23 29	30 32	33 36	37 40		
1820					2200-0700	
1825					ASSIGNED THE WATCH ROOM STEERING IN COMPANY WITH USS CONSTOCK TRANSITTING THROUGH STRAIT OF HORN 71 AND CITED LEFT CUSHED MATERIAL CONDITION MAINTAINED VEBRA AND CONDITION READINESS IT IS SET THROUGHOUT THE SHIP THE SHIP IS DANGERED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE NAVIGATIONAL LIGHTS LAW THE RULES OF THE ROAD SOPA IS COMPATIBLE WITH F. BARBERD ON USS MOYER (240-9)	
1830					SEA PANTER IS HEARD AT.	
1835					SEA PANTER IS HEARD AT.	
1840					H.T STEADY LIGHT SEEN AT.	
1845					MOYER MAX W	
1850					PHIP FIDUCIA W	
1855					RIND DOT E WATER	
1900					DRY RECEPTION CASE 27 TO 30 100 M (C)	
1905					PHIP ...	
1910					DISMORCK THE ...	
1915					REARS IN ...	
1920					CONSTOCK ...	
1925					SEA ...	
1930	64	3			SEA ...	
1935					SEA ...	
1940					SEA ...	
1945					SEA ...	
1950					SEA ...	
1955					SEA ...	
2000					SEA ...	



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USS Wright (Z16)

AT/PASSAGE FROM \_\_\_\_\_

TO \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS HANDL

SHIP TYPE: 0 HULL NUMBER: 10

YEAR: 12 MONTH: 13 ZONE: 14 DAY: 15

POSITION	ZONE	TIME	POSITION	ZONE	TIME	POSITION	ZONE	TIME	LEGEND
0800			1200			2000			1 - CELESTIAL 2 - ELECTRONIC 3 - VISUAL 4 - D.R.
L _____		BY _____	L _____		BY _____	L _____		BY _____	
λ _____		BY _____	λ _____		BY _____	λ _____		BY _____	

TIME	ORDER	CSE	SPEED	DEPTH	RECORD OF ALL EVENTS OF THE DAY
18 21	23 29	30-32	33 36	37 - 40	41
					2000 - 2100 (out)
					[REDACTED]
					2100 - 2200
0110					ADMITTED THE WATERS WITH AS BEFORE
0130					ENGINEERING TRAINING MATTERS
0200	AA1		5		
0205					CO ON BRIDGE
0208					4000 WALKING AHEAD AND 4000 REAR DISTANCE
					ANK
0210	AA1		3		
0210					CO OFF BRIDGE
0212	AA1	220			
	AA1		5		
0230					TANKS AND 100 GALLONS OF WATER IN LAST 5 MIN
					ENGINEERS TALK ESPECIALLY IN 2100 & 2110
					CALL UP 1000 STORAGE SERVICE TANK
0237	AA1	220			210 OFF
0238					NAVY DEPT. (VOLUME) PER ORDER REVISION
0254	CL	210			
0256	STOP	210		200	OFF
0257	RTR	220			
0258	200	200			
0317	AA5		12		
0318	AA1		5		
0319	STOP	200		200	OFF
0320	AA1	220			
0321	AA1	220			
0322	AA2		10		
0323	AA1		1		
0324	AA1		1		



- Shortly before 0000 the crew felt a rumble/vibration through the hull.
- Lookouts, CSW crews, and bridge watch standers saw nothing. The initial assumption was that NOL collided with a small, unlit surface vessel.
- Officers were sent to both bridge wings to look for debris and the Gun Liaison Officer ordered the gun mount crews to do the same. Mount 57's gun crew (starboard, aft) reported a strong smell of fuel oil.
- CIC informed COMSTOCK (following 1000 yards astern) that we apparently hit something and were slowing to check for damage aboard and debris in the water. COMSTOCK slowed to match our speed and lit off spot lights to search our wake. They reported no sign of debris.
- Engineering watch-standers briefly reported a loud, non-metallic noise from AMR 2 which soon ceased. Very quickly, the ship developed a 1.5 degree list to starboard. Casualty Response Teams checked all main spaces, shaft alleys, etc – finding no damage. Watch-standers in CCS were able to determine two ballast tanks and a fuel tank were flooding – indicating underwater hull damage.
- NOL launched the ready life boat to look for debris and check for visible hull damage. No damage was apparent, but the boat crew reported a strong smell of fuel from the starboard quarter although no fuel was visible. The rescue boat was recovered.
- NOL sighted an unidentified, surfaced submarine off the Port quarter and assumed that we had hit it. The sub was later identified as USS HARTFORD via NAVCENT Chat. As a result of damage sustained, the sub could neither raise a periscope nor man the bridge. NOL escorted HARTFORD in a generally southerly direction, vectoring them clear of merchant traffic until USS MILIUS assumed escort duties.

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