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29 JUN 2016

Mr. John Greenewald Jr.
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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The processing of your request for information pertaining to unidentified flying objects or UFO's and unidentified submersible or submerged or USO's has been completed.

Our review of the requested documents reveals they contain personal identifiers (such as names) of third parties, the release of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Accordingly, we must partially deny your request and withhold this information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) provisions 5 U.S.C. § 55 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(E). All releasable information pertaining is provided to you at enclosure (1).

As the official responsible for the partial denial of your request, I am advising you of your right to appeal this determination. Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter and should be addressed to the Secretary of the Navy's designee: Office of the Judge Advocate General, (Code 14), 1322 Patterson Avenue, S.E., Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, D.C. 20374-5066. The envelope and letter should bear the annotation "FOIA Appeal." Please include a copy of your original request with your appeal letter.

While processing your request we located documents proprietary to other agencies and those documents along with a copy of your request have been referred for review. Upon conclusion of the reviews you will be notified of the result.

There are no assessable fees associated with the processing of your request.

Sincerely,

KAREN RICHMAN
CDR, JAGC, USN

Encl:
(1) Documents



Explanation of FOIA/PA Exemptions

Subsections of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

Subsections of Title 15, United States Code, Section 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
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Package ID #: 0026247-000439

Name: FORCE PROTECTION UMBRELLA SUPPORT OPERATION FOR
PELELIU
AKA:

Social Security Number:**Context:** Impersonal Title**Date of Birth:****State of Birth:****Country of Birth:** US - United States of America**Case Number:** 07FEB12SWND0087XXFP**Dossier:**

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Comments:☐ No

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☐ No

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☐ No

Final Disposition Report to FBI

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Primary Precedence: ROUTINE

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Message Type: OTHER-ORGANIZATIONAL

Subject: NCIS CASE REPORT: SUPPORT OP FOR PELELIU ARG (CLOSED) 07FEB12-SWND-0087-XXFP

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (CLOSED)

30AUG13

FORCE PROTECTION (II)

CONTROL: 07FEB12-SWND-0087-XXFP/C

I/FORCE PROTECTION UMBRELLA SUPPORT OPERATION FOR PELELIU AMPHIBIOUS READINESS GROUP (PELARG)

COMMAND/AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON THREE/55281

MADE AT/SWX8/USS PELELIU (LHA 5), (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C), SPECIAL AGENT

REFERENCES

- (A) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/30MAR12
- (B) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/29MAY12
- (C) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/21JUL12
- (D) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/24SEP12
- (E) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/26NOV12
- (F) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/14JAN13
- (G) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/08MAR13
- (H) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/31MAY13

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. (u) ~~(S//NF)~~ References (A) through (H) documented Force Protection (FP), Counterintelligence (CI), and Counterterrorism (CT) efforts and General Criminal Investigative support provided to the USS Peleliu (PEL) (LHA-5) Amphibious Readiness Group (PELARG) comprising of Amphibious Squadron Three (PHIBRON 3), the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (15th MEU), and all supporting military commands from the period of MAR13 through JUN13. Force Protection Support (FPS) provided by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) involved collections, reporting and protective measures. Information collected by NCIS providing FPS focused on threats posed by international, transitional and native terrorist organizations as well as rebellious groups, Foreign Intelligence Security Services (FISS), and criminal enterprises.

NARRATIVE

1. 1. (u) ~~(S//NF)~~ Subsequent to the submission of Reference (H), PHIBRON Three and its subordinate commands entered a Planned Incremental Availability (PIA) period and will be birthed at San Diego Naval Station, San Diego, CA, until a readiness date and anticipated to be circa JUL14. In accordance with PIA, PHIBRON 3 Command and Staff have disembarked. As the breadth of PHIBRON 3 units remain in a non-deployable status and in accordance with the transfer of Reporting Agent, the captioned Operation will be closed.

2. (u) ~~(C//NF)~~ FORCE PROTECTION SUPPORT DATA:

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3. (U//~~FOUO~~) The captioned operation was productive and provided the requisite support to PHIBRON 3 and her deployed units. This investigation is closed.

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Message Type: OTHER-ORGANIZATIONAL

Subject: NCIS CASE REPORT: FP SUPPORT FOR PELELIU (INTERIM) 07FEB12-SWND-0087-XXFP

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (INTERIM)

31MAY13

FORCE PROTECTION (II)

CONTROL: 07FEB12-SWND-0087-XXFP

I/FORCE PROTECTION UMBRELLA SUPPORT OPERATION FOR PELELIU AMPHIBIOUS READINESS GROUP (PELARG)

COMMAND/AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON THREE/55281

MADE AT/SWX8/USS PELELIU (LHA 5) / (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C). SPECIAL AGENT

REFERENCES

- (A) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/30MAR12
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- (H) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) CASE FILE: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C).
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- (K) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) CASE FILE: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C).
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- (L) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) CASE FILE: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C).
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- (M) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) CASE FILE: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C).
(b)(6) & (b)(7)(C).
- (N) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) CASE FILE: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C).
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- (O) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) CASE FILE: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C).
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- (P) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/19MAR13/I/PORT BRIEF UNITED ARAB EMIRATES/USS GREEN BAY/CCN: 19MAR13-SWX8-0014-9ZNA
- (Q) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/19MAR13/I/FORCE PROTECTION SUPPORT UNITED ARAB EMIRATES/USS GREEN BAY/CCN: 19MAR13-SWX8-0015-5CNA
- (R) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/25MAR13/I/PORT BRIEF UNITED ARAB EMIRATES/USS PELELIU/CCN: 25MAR13-SWX8-0016-9ZNA
- (S) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/25MAR13/I/FORCE PROTECTION SUPPORT UNITED ARAB EMIRATES/USS PELELIU/CCN: 25MAR13-SWX8-0017-5CNA
- (T) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/15APR13/I/PORT BRIEF HONG KONG, CHINA/USS PELELIU/CCN: 15APR13-SWX8-0018-9ZNA
- (U) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/15APR13/I/FORCE PROTECTION SUPPORT HONG KONG, CHINA/USS PELELIU/CCN: 15APR13-SWX8-0019-5CNA

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- (V) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/15APR13/I/PORT BRIEF HONG KONG, CHINA/USS GREEN BAY/CCN: 15APR13-SWX8-0020-9ZNA
- (W) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/15APR13/I/FORCE PROTECTION SUPPORT HONG KONG, CHINA/USS GREEN BAY/CCN: 15APR13-SWX8-0021-5CNA
- (X) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/15APR13/I/PORT BRIEF HONG KONG, CHINA/USS RUSHMORE/CCN: 15APR13-SWX8-0022-9ZNA
- (Y) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/15APR13/I/FORCE PROTECTION SUPPORT HONG KONG, CHINA/USS RUSHMORE/CCN: 15APR13-SWX8-0023-5CNA
- (Z) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/03MAY13/I/PORT BRIEF HAWAII/ USS PELELIU/CCN: 22FEB13-SWX8-0024-9ZNA
- (AA) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/03MAY13/I/FORCE PROTECTION SUPPORT HAWAII/USS PELELIU/CCN: 3MAY13-SWX8-0025-5CNA
- (BB) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/03MAY13/I/PORT BRIEF HAWAII/ USS GREEN BAY/CCN: 03MAY13-SWX8-0026-9ZNA
- (CC) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/03MAY13/I/FORCE PROTECTION SUPPORT HAWAII/USS GREEN BAY/CCN: 03MAY13-SWX8-0027-5CNA
- (DD) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/03MAY13/I/PORT BRIEF HAWAII/ USS RUSHMORE/CCN: 03MAY13-SWX8-0028-9ZNA
- (EE) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/03MAY13/I/FORCE PROTECTION SUPPORT HAWAII/USS RUSHMORE/CCN: 03MAY13-SWX8-0029-5CNA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. ^(u)(S//NF) This operation is being conducted in order to document Force Protection (FP), Counterintelligence (CI), Counterterrorism (CT) and Criminal Investigative support to the USS Peleliu (PEL) (LHA-5) Amphibious Readiness Group (PELARG) comprising of Amphibious Squadron Three (PHIBRON 3), the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (15th MEU), and all supporting military commands. Force Protection Support (FPS) provided by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) involves collections, reporting and protective measures. Information collected by NCIS providing FPS will focus on threats posed by international, transitional and native terrorist organizations as well as rebellious groups, Foreign Intelligence Security Services (FISS), and criminal enterprises.

NARRATIVE

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) References (A) through (G) encapsulate all investigative and operational activities that occurred prior to this report.
2. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (H) cites allegations of suspected sexual assault of (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C). All investigative activity is completed. This investigation was brought to an Article 32 and based on the recommendations of the Investigating Officer, command elected to drop the charges against (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C). This investigation is closed.
3. (U//~~FOUO~~) References (I and J) cite ongoing investigations into allegations (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C). used his cellphone to film (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) while she used the restroom aboard USS Peleliu without her knowledge. During the interrogation for that suspected offense, (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C). acknowledged he sought, found, downloaded and possessed what he described as approximately 100 photos of half-dressed and fully nude photos of children between the ages of 8-12 years. This investigation continues pending further analysis of images provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) extracted from (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C). cellphone, laptop computer and external hard drive.
4. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (K) cites allegations (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C). sexually assaulted (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) while the two slept in his bed in his apartment at the Pacific Beacon, Naval Base San Diego, CA. This investigation is pending command's prosecutorial determination.
5. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (L) cites allegations (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) shoved, punched, and utilized a taser to shock several Marines while aboard USS Peleliu in port in

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Phuket, Thailand. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)s also alleged to have shocked and beat (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) until he was unconscious. During the assault (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)s alleged to have bitten (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)s face until his mouth was forcibly removed from (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)s by other Marines. During this reporting period (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)s pled guilty to the aforementioned charges and was sentenced to 10 months confinement and reduced to an E-2. This investigation is now closed.

6. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (M) cites an ongoing investigation (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)s sexually assaulted (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)s while she was sleeping and another occasion (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)s sexually assaulted (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)s while she was heavily intoxicated. This investigation is pending command's prosecutorial determination.

7. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (N) cites an ongoing investigation into allegations that S/LOLIN placed his hand inside of an intoxicated (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)s pants while the two sat next to each other on a Liberty Bus in Khalifa, UAE. Command reviewed this investigation and elected to not refer this investigation to an Article 32. This investigation is closed.

8. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (O) cites the details and disposition of (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)s who was arrested during the Hong Kong Port Visit by the Hong Kong Police Department for allegedly groping a the breast of a Host nation female. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)s remains in Hong Kong and will be tried for Indecent Assault on 13 May 13.

9. (U//~~FOUO~~) References (P) thru (S) cite support provided to PELARG while making a port call in United Arab Emirates.

10. (U//~~FOUO~~) References (T) thru (Y) cite support provided to PELARG while making a port call in Hong Kong, China.

11. (U//~~FOUO~~) References (Z) thru (EE) cite support provided to PELARG while making a port call in Hawaii.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (INTERIM)

08MAR13

FORCE PROTECTION (II)

CONTROL: 07FEB12-SWND-0087-XXFP

I/FORCE PROTECTION UMBRELLA SUPPORT OPERATION FOR PELELIU AMPHIBIOUS READINESS GROUP (PELARG)

COMMAND/AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON THREE/55281

MADE AT/SWX8/USS PELELIU (LHA 5) / (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) SPECIAL AGENT

REFERENCES

- (A) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM) /30MAR12
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- (O) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) /09FEB13/I/PORT BRIEF AQABA,
JORDAN/USS RUSHMORE/CCN: 09FEB13-SWX8-0006-9ZNA
- (P) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) /09FEB13/I/FORCE PROTECTION SUPPORT
AQABA, JORDAN/USS RUSHMORE/CCN: 09FEB13-SWX8-0007-5CNA
- (Q) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) /22FEB13/I/PORT BRIEF AQABA, JORDAN/
USS PELELIU/CCN: 22FEB13-SWX8-0008-9ZNA
- (R) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) /22FEB13/I/FORCE PROTECTION SUPPORT
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2. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (G) cites allegations of suspected sexual assault of (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C). All investigative activity is complete and command has turned this investigation over to the Region Legal Service Office (RLSO) Southwest who will be bringing these allegations to an Article 32 hearing, date pending.
3. (U//~~FOUO~~) References (H and I) cite ongoing investigations into allegations S/THOMPSON used his cellphone to film (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) while she used the restroom aboard USS Peleliu without her knowledge. During the interrogation for that suspected offense, (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) acknowledged he sought, found, downloaded and possessed what he described as approximately 100 photos of half-dressed and fully nude photos of children between the ages of 8-12 years. This investigation continues pending the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) analysis of digital media extracted from (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) cellphone, laptop computer and external hard drive.
4. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (J) cites allegations (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) sexually assaulted (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) while the two slept in his bed in his apartment at the Pacific Beacon, Naval Base San Diego, CA. This investigation is pending command's prosecutorial determination.
5. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (K) cites allegations (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) shoved, punched, and utilized a taser to shock several Marines while aboard USS Peleliu in port in Phuket, Thailand. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) is also alleged to have shocked and beaten (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) until he was unconscious. During the assault, (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) is alleged to have bitten (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) face until his mouth was forcibly removed from (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) by other Marines. This investigation is awaiting command's prosecutorial determination.
6. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (L) cites allegations (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) placed his hand up (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) skirt for a period of time while she was seated in a bar in Darwin, Australia. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) was taken to NJP. This investigation is now closed.
7. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (M) cites an ongoing investigation (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) sexually assaulted (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) while she was sleeping and another occasion (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) sexually assaulted (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) while she was heavily intoxicated. This investigation is pending the completion of additional interviews.
8. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (N) cites an ongoing investigation into allegations that (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) placed his hand inside of an intoxicated (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) pants while the two sat next to each other on a Liberty Bus in Khalifa, UAE. This investigation is complete and is pending prosecutorial determination from command.
9. (U//~~FOUO~~) References (O) thru (R) cite support provided to PELARG while making a port call in Aqaba, Jordan.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (INTERIM)

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FORCE PROTECTION (II)

CONTROL: 07FEB12-SWND-0087-XXFP

I/FORCE PROTECTION UMBRELLA SUPPORT OPERATION FOR PELELIU AMPHIBIOUS READINESS GROUP (PELARG)

COMMAND/AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON THREE/55281

MADE AT/SWX8/USS PELELIU (LHA 5), (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) SPECIAL AGENT

REFERENCES

- (A) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/30MAR12
- (B) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/29MAY12
- (C) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/21JUL12
- (D) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/24SEP12
- (E) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/26NOV12
- (F) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) CASE FILE: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)
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- (G) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) CASE FILE: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)
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- (H) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) CASE FILE: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)
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- (N) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/23DEC12/I/PORT BRIEF SALALAH,
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- (O) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/23DEC12/I/FORCE PROTECTION SUPPORT
SALALAH, OMAN/CCN: 23DEC12-SWX8-6012-5CNA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. ^(u)~~(S//NF)~~ This operation is being conducted in order to document Force Protection (FP), Counterintelligence (CI), Counterterrorism (CT) and Criminal Investigative support to the USS Peleliu (PEL) (LHA-5) Amphibious Readiness Group (PELARG) comprising of Amphibious Squadron Three (PHIBRON 3), the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (15th MEU), and all supporting military commands. Force Protection Support (FPS) provided by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) involves collections, reporting and protective measures. Information collected by NCIS providing FPS will focus on threats posed by international, transitional and native terrorist organizations as well

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as rebellious groups, Foreign Intelligence Security Services (FISS), and criminal enterprises.

NARRATIVE

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) References (A) through (E) encapsulate all investigative and operational activities that occurred prior to this report.
2. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (F) cites allegations of suspected sexual assault of (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C). All investigative activity is complete and command has turned this investigation over to the Region Legal Service Office (RLSO) Southwest who will be bringing these allegations to an Article 32, date pending.
3. (U//~~FOUO~~) References (G and H) cite ongoing investigations into allegations (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) used his cellphone to film (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) while she used the restroom aboard USS Peleliu without her knowledge. During the interrogation for that suspected offense, (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) acknowledged he sought, found, downloaded and possessed what he described as approximately 100 photos of half-dressed and fully nude photos of children between the ages of 8-12 years. This investigation continues pending the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) analysis of digital media extracted from (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) cellphone, laptop computer and external hard drive.
4. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (I) cites allegations (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) made wrongful sexual contact with (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) while he slept in his rack aboard USS Peleliu. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) was taken to Captain's Mast where he was awarded 45 days restriction/45 days extra duty and ordered to be administratively separated from the Navy under Other Than Honorable (OTH) discharge. This investigation is closed.
5. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (J) cites allegations (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) sexually assaulted (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) while the two slept in his bed in his apartment at the Pacific Beacon, Naval Base San Diego, CA. This investigation is pending command's prosecutorial determination.
6. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (K) cites allegations (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) shoved, punched, and utilized a taser to shock several Marines while aboard USS Peleliu in port in Phuket, Thailand. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) also alleged to have shocked and beat (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) until he was unconscious. During the assault, (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) alleged to have bitten (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) face until his mouth was forcibly removed from (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) by other Marines. This investigation is awaiting command's prosecutorial determination.
7. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (L) cites allegations (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) placed his hand up (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) skirt for a period of time while she was seated in a bar in Darwin, Australia. This investigation is pending command's prosecutorial determination.
8. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (M) cites allegations that (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) hazed and physically assaulted eight sailors recently assigned to Deck Department aboard USS Peleliu. On 07Dec12, (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) were taken to Captain's Mast and ordered to 45 days restriction, 45 days of extra duty and will be Administratively separated under Other Than Honorable discharge. Charges against (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) were dropped at Captain's Mast. This investigation is closed.
9. (U//~~FOUO~~) References (N) and (O) cite support provided to PELARG while making a port call in Salalah, Oman.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (INTERIM)

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FORCE PROTECTION (II)

CONTROL: 07FEB12-SWND-0087-XXFP

I/FORCE PROTECTION UMBRELLA SUPPORT OPERATION FOR PELELIU AMPHIBIOUS READINESS GROUP (PELARG)

COMMAND/AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON THREE/55281

MADE AT/SWX8/USS PELELIU (LHA 5), (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C), SPECIAL AGENT

REFERENCES

- (A) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/30MAR12
- (B) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/29MAY12
- (C) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/21JUL12
- (D) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/24SEP12
- (E) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) CASE FILE: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)
- (F) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) CASE FILE: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)
- (G) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) CASE FILE: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)
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- (Q) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/15OCT12/I/FORCE PROTECTION SUPPORT
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- (R) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/20OCT12/I/PORT BRIEF PHUKET,
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- (S) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/20OCT12/I/FORCE PROTECTION SUPPORT
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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1. (U//~~FOUO~~) This operation is being conducted in order to document Force Protection (FP), Counterintelligence (CI), Counterterrorism (CT) and Criminal Investigative support to the USS Peleliu (PEL) (LHA-5) Amphibious Readiness Group (PELARG) comprising of Amphibious Squadron Three (PHIBRON 3), the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (15th MEU), and all supporting military commands. Force Protection Support (FPS) provided by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) involves collections, reporting and protective measures. Information collected by NCIS providing FPS will focus on threats posed by international, transitional and native terrorist organizations as well as rebellious groups, Foreign Intelligence Security Services (FISS), and criminal enterprises.

NARRATIVE

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) References (A) through (D) encapsulate all investigative and operational activities that occurred prior to this report.

2. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (E) cites allegations of suspected sexual assault of V/QUINTANS. Command elected to not pursue charges against (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C). This investigation is now closed.

3. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (F) cites allegations of suspected sexual assault of (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C). Command elected to not pursue charges against (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C). This investigation is now closed.

4. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (G) cites allegations of suspected sexual assault of (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) declined to participate in this investigation and command elected to not prefer charges against (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C). This investigation is now closed.

5. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (H) cites allegations of suspected sexual assault of (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C). All investigative activity is complete and command has turned this investigation over to the Region Legal Service (RLSO) Southwest who will be bringing these allegations to an Article 32, date pending.

6. (U//~~FOUO~~) References (I and J) cite ongoing investigations into allegations (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) used his cellphone to film (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) while she used the restroom aboard USS Peleliu without her knowledge. During the interrogation for that suspected offense, (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) acknowledged he sought, found, downloaded and possessed what he described as approximately 100 photos of half-dressed and fully nude photos of children between the ages of 8-12. This investigation continues pending the extraction of digital media from (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) cellphone, laptop computer and external hard drive seized from his living and work spaces.

7. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (K) cites allegations (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) made wrongful sexual contact with (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) while he slept in his rack aboard USS Peleliu. This investigation is complete and awaiting command's prosecutorial determination.

8. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (L) cites allegations (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) sexually assaulted (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) while the two slept in his bed in his apartment at the Beacon, San Diego, CA. This investigation is pending a lead to interview V/UTTON's former boyfriend and a crime scene examination of (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) former residence.

9. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (M) cites allegations (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) shoved, punched, utilized a taser to shock several Marines while aboard USS Peleliu in Port in Phuket, Thailand. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) also alleged to have shocked and beat (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) unconscious. During the assault, (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) alleged to have bitten (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) face until his mouth was forcibly removed from (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) by other Marines. This investigation is complete and awaiting command's prosecutorial determination.

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10 (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (N) cites allegations (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) placed his hand up (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) skirt for a period of time while she was seated in a bar in Darwin, Australia. This investigation is pending lead tasking to conduct a crime scene examination in Darwin, Australia.

11. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (O) cites allegations and (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) hazed and physically assaulted eight sailors recently assigned to Deck Department aboard USS Peleliu. This investigation is complete and is pending command's prosecutorial determination.

12. (U//~~FOUO~~) References (P) and (Q) cite support provided to PELARG while making a port call in Timor Leste.

13. (U//~~FOUO~~) References (R) and (S) cite support provided to USS Peleliu while making a port call in Phuket, Thailand.

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I/FORCE PROTECTION UMBRELLA SUPPORT OPERATION FOR PELELIU AMPHIBIOUS READINESS GROUP (PELARG)	
COMMAND/AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON THREE/55281	
MADE AT/SWX8/USS PELELIU (LHA 5)	(b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) SPECIAL AGENT
REFERENCES	
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(I) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) CASE FILE: V/WRIGHT, AUSTIN DAVID/ MMFN USN/CCN: 10AUG12SWND-0517-7HNA (U//FOUO)	
(J) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) CASE FILE:	(b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	
1. (U//NF) This operation is being conducted in order to document Force Protection (FP), Counterintelligence (CI), Counterterrorism (CT) and Criminal Investigative support to the USS Peleliu (PEL) (LHA-5) Amphibious Readiness Group (PELARG) comprising of Amphibious Squadron Three (PHIBRON 3), the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (15th MEU), and all supporting military commands. Force Protection Support (FPS) provided by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) involves collections, reporting and protective measures. Information collected by NCIS providing FPS will focus on threats posed by international, transitional and native terrorist organizations as well as rebellious groups, Foreign Intelligence Security Services (FISS), and criminal enterprises.	
NARRATIVE	
1. (U//FOUO) References (A) through (C) encapsulate all investigative and operational activities that occurred prior to this report.	

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2. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (D) cites allegations of suspected sexual assault of (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) All investigative activity is completed and command elected to not pursue charges against (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) This investigation is pending the completion of the Sexual Assault Disposition Report (SADR) completed by Command.
3. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (E) cites allegations of suspected sexual assault of (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) All investigative activity is completed and command elected to not pursue charges against (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) This investigation is pending the completion of the SADR completed by Command.
4. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (F) cites allegations of suspected sexual assault of (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) All investigative activity is complete and this investigation is pending prosecutorial determination by Command.
5. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (G) cites allegations of suspected sexual assault of (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) All investigative activity is complete and this investigation is pending prosecutorial determination by Command.
6. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (H) cites an investigation into a suspected submersible vessel observed by USN pilots and crew while at sea. The vessel was approximately 3 miles from the stern of USS Peleliu (LHA 5) during an Underway period. This investigation has been transferred to Special Agent (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)
7. (U//~~FOUO~~) Reference (I) cites a Death investigation of V/WRIGHT who was found deceased in his rack aboard USS Peleliu. Reporting Agent (RA) identified two USS Peleliu sailors who witnessed V/WRIGHT purchase 40 Methadone pills prior this death. Subsequent search of his rack revealed that just over one day later, only seven pills remained in the bottle. This investigation has been transferred to SA (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) .
8. (U//~~FOUO~~) References (J and K) cite ongoing investigations into allegations (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) used his cellphone to film (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) while she used the restroom aboard USS Peleliu without her knowledge. During the interrogation for that suspected offense, (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) acknowledged he sought, found, downloaded and possessed what he described as approximately 100 photos of half-dressed and fully nude photos of children between the ages of 8-12. This investigation continues pending the extraction of digital media from (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) cellphone, laptop computer and external hard drive seized from his living and work spaces.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (INTERIM)

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FORCE PROTECTION (II)

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I/FORCE PROTECTION UMBRELLA SUPPORT OPERATION FOR PELELIU AMPHIBIOUS READINESS GROUP (PELARG)

COMMAND/AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON THREE/55281

MADE AT/SWND/USS PELELIU (LHA 5) / (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) , SPECIAL AGENT

REFERENCES

- (A) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/30Mar12
- (B) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/29May12
- (C) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/01JUN12/I/PIRACY/DETAINEE OPS
BRIEF/CCN: 01JUN12-SWND-0365-9ZMA
- (D) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/02JUN12/I/PIRACY/DETAINEE OPS
BRIEF/CCN: 02JUN12-SWND-0366-9ZMA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1(u) ~~(S//NF)~~ This operation is being conducted in order to document Force Protection (FP), Counterintelligence (CI), Counterterrorism (CT) and Criminal Investigative support to the USS Peleliu (PEL) (LHA-5) Amphibious Readiness Group (PELARG) comprising of Amphibious Squadron Three (PHIBRON 3), the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (15th MEU), and all supporting military commands. Force Protection Support (FPS) provided by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) involves collections, reporting and protective measures. Information collected by NCIS providing FPS will focus on threats posed by international, transitional and native terrorist organizations as well as rebellious groups, Foreign Intelligence Security Services (FISS), and criminal enterprises.

NARRATIVE

1(u) ~~(S//NF)~~ From the period of 16Jun12-20Jun12, RA provided support to the United States Secret Service (USSS) in conjunction with POTUS' visit to the G-20 Convention located in Cabo San Lucas, MX. USS Peleliu was used as a lilly-pad and emergency fallback for USSS.

2. (U) During the period of 29May12 thru 21Jul12, RA provided Marines from the 15th Marine Expeditionary, Combat Logistics Battalion (CLB), Military Police Unit with the Special Agent Afloat Briefing (References C and D). Additionally, RA provided MPs with an eight hour block of crime scene instruction.

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Message Type: OTHER-ORGANIZATIONAL

Subject: NCIS CASE REPORT: FP SUPP PELARG (INTERIM) 07FEB12-SWND-0087-XXFP

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (INTERIM)

29MAY12

FORCE PROTECTION (II)

CONTROL: 07FEB12-SWND-0087-XXFP

I/FORCE PROTECTION UMBRELLA SUPPORT OPERATION FOR PELELIU AMPHIBIOUS READINESS GROUP (PELARG)

COMMAND/AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON THREE/55281

MADE AT/SWND/USS PELELIU (LHA 5) / (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) , SPECIAL AGENT

REFERENCE

(A) NCISREP USS Peleliu (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/30Mar12

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. ~~(S//NF)~~ This operation is being conducted in order to document Force Protection (FP), Counterintelligence (CI), Counterterrorism (CT) and Criminal Investigative support to the USS Peleliu (PEL) (LHA-5) Amphibious Readiness Group (PELARG) comprising of Amphibious Squadron Three (PHIBRON 3), the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (15th MEU), and all supporting military commands. Force Protection Support (FPS) provided by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) involves collections, reporting and protective measures. Information collected by NCIS providing FPS will focus on threats posed by international, transitional and native terrorist organizations as well as rebellious groups, Foreign Intelligence Security Services (FISS), and criminal enterprises.

NARRATIVE

1. (U) During the period of 29Mar12 thru 29May12, Reporting Agent (RA) did not provide briefings to ship's company. However, RA did provide numerous training classes to Master at Arms staff aboard USS Peleliu.

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Subject: NCIS CASE REPORT: FP SUPP PELARG (INTERIM) 07FEB12-SWND-0087-XXFP

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (INTERIM)

30MAR12

FORCE PROTECTION (II)

CONTROL: 07FEB12-SWND-0087-XXFP

I/FORCE PROTECTION UMBRELLA SUPPORT OPERATION FOR PELELIU AMPHIBIOUS READINESS GROUP (PELARG)

COMMAND/AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON THREE/55281

MADE AT/SWND/USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/ (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) SPECIAL AGENT

REFERENCES

- (A) NCISREP USS Peleliu (LHA 5)/20Dec11/I/Sexual Assault Awareness Brief/CCN: 20DEC11-SWND-0983-9ZNA
- (B) NCISREP USS Peleliu (LHA 5)/21Dec11/I/Sexual Assault Awareness Brief/CCN: 21DEC11-SWND-0987-9ZNA
- (C) NCISREP USS Peleliu (LHA 5)/22Dec11/I/Sexual Assault Awareness Brief/CCN: 22DEC11-SWND-0990-9ZNA
- (D) NCISREP USS Peleliu (LHA 5)/06Feb12/I/Special Agent Afloat Awareness Brief/15th Marine Expeditionary Unit/CCN: 06FEB12-SWND-0151-9ZMA
- (E) NCISREP USS Peleliu (LHA 5)/07Feb12/I/Special Agent Afloat Awareness Brief/1st Marine Expeditionary Forces/CCN: 07FEB12-SWND-0152-9ZMA
- (F) NCISREP USS Peleliu (LHA 5)/07Feb12/I/Special Agent Afloat Awareness Brief/USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/CCN: 07FEB12-SWND-0153-9ZNA
- (G) NCISREP USS Peleliu (LHA 5)/13Feb12/I/Special Agent Afloat Awareness Brief/15th Marine Expeditionary Unit/CCN: 13FEB12-SWND-0154-9ZMA
- (H) NCISREP USS Peleliu (LHA 5)/14Feb12/I/Special Agent Afloat Awareness Brief/COMPHIBRON THREE/CCN: 14FEB12-SWND-0155-9ZNA
- (I) NCISREP USS Peleliu (LHA 5)/14Feb12/I/Special Agent Afloat Awareness Brief/1st Marine Expeditionary Forces/CCN: 14FEB12-SWND-0157-9ZMA
- (J) NCISREP USS Peleliu (LHA 5)/14Feb12/I/Piracy Awareness Brief/COMPHIBRON THREE/CCN: 14FEB12-SWND-0156-9ZNA
- (K) NCISREP USS Peleliu (LHA 5)/21Mar12/I/USSS San Diego, CA/Request for Assistance/CCN: 21MAR12-SWND-0201-9ANA
- (L) NCISREP USS Peleliu (LHA 5)/21Mar12/I/Insider Threat Awareness Brief/CCN: 21MAR12-SWND-0202-9ZNA
- (M) NCISREP USS Peleliu (LHA 5)/21Mar12/I/Insider Threat Awareness Brief/CCN: 21MAR12-SWND-0203-9ZNA
- (N) NCISREP USS Peleliu (LHA 5)/21Mar12/I/Insider Threat Awareness Brief/CCN: 21MAR12-SWND-0204-9ZNA
- (O) NCISREP USS Peleliu (LHA 5)/21Mar12/I/Insider Threat Awareness Brief/CCN: 21MAR12-SWND-0206-9ZNA
- (P) NCISREP USS Peleliu (LHA 5)/21Mar12/I/US Army CID Request for Assistance/CCN: 21MAR12-SWND-0205-9ANA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1 (U) (S//NF) This operation is being conducted in order to document Force Protection (FP), Counterintelligence (CI), Counterterrorism (CT) and Criminal

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Investigative support to the USS Peleliu Amphibious Readiness Group (PELARG) comprising of Amphibious Squadron Three (PHIBRON 3), the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (15th MEU), and all supporting military commands. Force Protection Support (FPS) provided by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) involves collections, reporting and protective measures. Information collected by NCIS providing FPS will focus on threats posed by international, transitional and native terrorist organizations as well as rebellious groups, Foreign Intelligence Security Services (FISS), and criminal enterprises.

NARRATIVE

1. (U) During the period of 19Dec11 thru 22Dec11, Reporting Agent (RA) provided ship's company aboard the USS Peleliu (LHA 5) with the NCIS Sexual Assault Awareness Briefing (References A thru C).
2. (U) During the period of 06Feb12 thru 14Feb12, RA provided Marines from the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit with the Special Agent Afloat Briefing (References D thru I).
3. (U) On 14Feb12, RA provided members of COMPHIBRON Three with the Piracy/Detainee Operations Briefing (Reference J).
4. (U) On 10Mar12, RA provided support to the United States Secret Service (USSS) for a visit to the USS Peleliu by former President Jimmy Carter (Reference K).
5. (U) During the period of 19Mar12 thru 21Mar12, RA provided ships company aboard the USS Peleliu with the Insider Threat Awareness briefing (References L thru O).
6. (U) On 02MAR12, RA conducted Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) reviews of Social Media sites; Facebook, MySpace, Twitter and Youtube. While conducting a review of Youtube, RA identified one video depicting crewmembers (current and former) of the USS Peleliu walking on top of the ship's moving shaft. RA assisted USS Peleliu Security Staff with the subsequent investigation. Additionally, RA identified another Youtube video taken from inside the Engineering spaces aboard the USS Peleliu which depicts a sailor throwing a "Blood" gang sign to the camera. CAPT (b)(6)&(b)(7)(C) USN, Commanding Officer (CO), USS Peleliu was briefed and the contents of these videos were provided for action deemed appropriate.
7. (U) On 30Mar12, RA supported the US Army Criminal Investigations Division (USACID) with a visit from the current Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) Leon E. Panetta to the USS Peleliu (Reference P).

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Subject: NCIS CASE REPORT: FP SUPP PELARG (OPEN) 07FEB12-SWND-0087-XXFP

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (OPEN)

07FEB12

FORCE PROTECTION (II)

CONTROL: 07FEB12-SWND-0087-XXFP

I/FORCE PROTECTION UMBRELLA SUPPORT OPERATION FOR PELELIU AMPHIBIOUS READINESS GROUP (PELARG)

COMMAND/AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON THREE/55281

MADE AT/SWND/USS PELELIU (LHA-5)/ (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) , SPECIAL AGENT

NARRATIVE

1.(u) ~~(C//NF)~~ This operation is being initiated to document and provide Force Protection (FP), Counterintelligence (CI), Counterterrorism (CT) and Criminal Investigation Support to the PELELIU AMPHIBIOUS READINESS GROUP (PELARG). PELARG is comprised of the following commands:

- Amphibious Squadron Three (COMPHIBRON THREE)
- 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (15th MEU)
- BLT 3/5
- HMM 364
- CLB 15
- USS PELELIU (LHA-5)
- USS GREEN BAY (LPD-20)
- USS RUSHMORE (LSD-47)
- Naval Beach Group 1
- Assault Craft Unit 5
- Assault Craft Unit 1
- Beach Master Unit 1
- Fleet Surgical Team 1

The 15th MEU is comprised of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364 (Reinforced), Combat Logistics Battalion 15 and Battalion Landing Team 3/5.

2.(u) ~~(C//NF)~~ FP Support provided by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) involves collections, reporting and protective measures. Information collected by NCIS providing FP support will focus on threats posed by international, transitional and native terrorist organizations as well as rebellious groups; foreign intelligence security services (FISS); and criminal activity which presents the greatest current or potential threat to the interest of the USS PELELIU (LHA-5) and its assets.

3. (U) Reporting Agent (RA) will be coordinating with local NCIS Field Offices and Force Protection Detachment (FPD) elements, as well as local host-nation government officials, during the deployment period in support of PELARG in an effort to identify indications and warnings (I&W) of potential hostile actions directed against the PELARG and its subordinate commands.

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4. (U) ~~(C//NF)~~ PELARG will conduct numerous training and real world exercises in the PACOM and CENTCOM AORs to include: PACOM: Singapore, India, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Australia; CENTCOM: Horn of Africa, Yemen, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Kuwait.

Collection Requirements/Objectives

5. (U) ~~(C//NF)~~ Opportunities may develop to collect intelligence in support of the following collection requirements:

- A. D-INT-1580-003-06, CI Support to Force Protection (U)
- B. D-INT-2320-002-06, Foreign Security, Intelligence and CI Services (U)

Annual/Special Funding Requirements

6. (U) RA's expenses for this operation have been funded by NCIS Southwest Field Office.

Manpower and Equipment

7. (U) RA will coordinate manpower and equipment support for port visits, maritime activities and exercises with personnel from NCIS Field Offices with cognizance over operating areas.

Legal Considerations

8. (U) None.

Coordination/Key Meetings/Planning

9. (U) RA will coordinate port visit with local NCIS Field offices as required.

Contact Information

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (CLOSED)

19OCT12

SPECIAL INQUIRY (II)

CONTROL: 16JUN12-SWND-0416-5XNA/C

I/USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/UNIDENTIFIED SUBMERSIBLE VESSEL OBSERVED BY US NAVY MEMBERS

COMMAND/USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/20748

MADE AT/SWND/SAN DIEGO CA/ (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) SPECIAL AGENT

REFERENCE

(A) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/03AUG12 (CONTAINS EXHIBITS 1-7)

(B) NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/14SEP12

EXHIBIT

(8) OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE TRANSNATIONAL MARITIME UPDATE(S//NF)/06JUL12

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) THIS SPECIAL INQUIRY INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED ON 16JUN12, FOLLOWING AN EVENT OF POSSIBLE FORCE PROTECTION CONCERN RELATED VIA (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) (b)(6) & (b)(7)(G) USN, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, EXPEDITIONARY STRIKE GROUP 3 (ESG 3), IN RESPONSE NAVAL BASE SAN DIEGO, CA.

2. (U//~~S//NF~~) ON 15JUN12, WHILE SUPPORTING THE MISSION TO SUPPORT POTUS DURING THE G-20 CONVENTION OFF THE COAST OF CABO SAN LUCAS, MEXICO, A CREW FROM HELICOPTER SEA COMBAT SQUADRON 21(HSC-21), USS PELELIU (LHA 5) WAS CONDUCTING SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) SYSTEMATIC TRAINING PATTERNS ABOARD THEIR MH-60S HELICOPTER IN THE VICINITY OF 24DEG 31.72'N 112DEG 50.58'W (APPROX 33NM OFF BAJA PENINSULA, MEXICO) AT A HEADING OF 137T. WHILE DOING SO, CREWMEMBERS NOTED AN OBJECT WHICH APPEARED TO BE LINGERING/MOVING IN THE WAKE OF USS PELELIU (LHA 5) IN THE VICINITY OF 24DEG 31.89'N 112DEG 50.94'W. THE MH-60S CREW MOVED THE AIRCRAFT TOWARDS THE OBJECT AND NOTED MULTIPLE INFRARED (IR) BEACONS FLOATING IN THE WATER. THE BEACONS WERE IDENTIFIED AS IR AS THEY WERE ONLY VISIBLE WITH THE USE OF NIGHT VISION GOGGLES. THE MH-60S BEGAN CONDUCTING CLOCKWISE CIRCLES AT A LOW ALTITUDE FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES. WHILE DOING SO CREWMEMBERS NOTED AN OBVIOUS SHAPE IN THE WATER WHICH THEY BELIEVED WAS A SUBMARINE. THE CRAFT WAS SPOTTED APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES TO THE REAR OF USS PELELIU AND WAS IN THE VICINITY OF ITS WAKE. THE CREW OF THE UH-60S THAT WHILE HOVERING THE SUBMARINE DID NOT APPEAR TO MAKE ANY EVASIVE ACTIONS AND APPEARED TO STAY IN PLACE. FOLLOWING THIS, THE CREW DEPARTED THE AREA AND RETURNED TO USS PELELIU WHERE THEY WERE SUBSEQUENTLY DEBRIEFED BY MEMBERS OF COMMAND STAFF. NCIS CONDUCTED INTERVIEWS OF THE UH-60S CREW AT WHICH TIME THEY GENERALLY DESCRIBED THE CRAFT WAS LARGE IN SIZE (APPROXIMATIONS VARY). THE CREW WAS UNABLE TO PHOTOGRAPH OR VIDEO THE CRAFT AS THE FORWARD LOOKING INFRARED (FLIR) WAS NOT PICKING UP IR AT THE TIME. HOWEVER, THE CREW DID RECALL THAT ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY UPON SEEING THE CRAFT, THE CREW HEARD BLEED OVER COMMUNICATIONS ON THEIR UNENCRYPTED SATCOM

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RADIO NET (FREQUENCY USED IS UNKNOWN) OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE WHICH WAS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS EASTERN EUROPEAN. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE SUB INDICATED IT WAS NOT AT THE SURFACE OF THE WATER BUT RATHER JUST BELOW THE SURFACE (APPROXIMATIONS VARY).

3. (u)(S//NF) ON 08JUL12, OFFICE OF NAVY INTELLIGENCE (ONI), ASSESSED THE JUNE SIGHTING INVOLVING USS PELELIU MATCH OTHER DESCRIPTIONS OF PREVIOUSLY SEIZED SELF-PROPELLED SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE VESSELS (SPSS). HOWEVER, THIS REPORTED SIGHTING OCCURRED APPROXIMATELY 2,500 NM FROM THE TRADITIONAL EASTERN PACIFIC DEPARTURE ZONE IN THE SOUTHWEST COLOMBIA/NORTHWEST ECUADOR REGION. THIS WOULD PLACE THE SUPPOSED SPSS APPROXIMATELY 1,000-1,500 NAUTICAL MILES (NM) BEYOND THE HISTORICALLY ASSESSED DELIVERY ZONE IN THE MEXICAN-GUATEMALAN BORDER AREA, AND APPROXIMATELY 500 NM SHORT OF THE U.S. BORDER REGION. CONSIDERING AN AVERAGE SPEED-OF-ADVANCE OF 6 KNOTS, A VESSEL THAT HAS TRAVELED 2,500 NM WOULD HAVE BEEN AT SEA ROUGHLY 17 DAYS, A LONG PERIOD BASED ON ASSESSED CAPABILITIES OF SEIZED SPSS. FINALLY, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY UNUSUAL FOR AN SPSS TO CARRY A NAVIGATION RADAR; THEREFORE, THE ELINT HITS RECORDED BY USS PELELIU SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WITH THIS IN MIND. ALL INVESTIGATIVE LEADS ARE COMPLETE. INVESTIGATION IS CLOSED.

NARRATIVE

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) AT THIS TIME, THIS INVESTIGATION DOES NOT PERTAIN TO ANY SUSPECTED VIOLATIONS OF LAW RATHER THIS INVESTIGATION WAS OPENED OUT OF A POSSIBLE FORCE PROTECTION CONCERN RELATED VIA LCDR (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) USN, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, EXPEDITIONARY STRIKE GROUP 3 (ESG 3), IN RESPONSE NAVAL BASE SAN DIEGO, CA.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (INTERIM)

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SPECIAL INQUIRY (II)

CONTROL: 16JUN12-SWND-0416-5XNA

I/USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/UNIDENTIFIED SUBMERSIBLE VESSEL OBSERVED BY US NAVY MEMBERS

COMMAND/USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/20748

MADE AT/SWND/USS PELELIU (LHA 5), (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) SPECIAL AGENT

REFERENCE

(A) NCISREP USS Peleliu (LHA 5) ROI (INTERIM)/03Aug12 (Contains Exhibits 1-7)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. (U//FOUO) This special inquiry investigation was initiated on 16Jun12, following an event of possible force protection concern related via LCDR(b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) USN, Intelligence Officer, Expeditionary Strike Group 3 (ESG 3), in response Naval Base San Diego, CA.

2. (U//NF) On 15Jun12, while supporting the mission to support POTUS during the G-20 convention off the coast of Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, a crew from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 21(HSC-21), USS Peleliu (LHA 5) was conducting Search and Rescue (SAR) systematic training patterns aboard their MH-60S Helicopter in the vicinity of 24deg 31.72'N 112deg 50.58'W (approx 33NM off Baja Peninsula, Mexico) at a heading of 137T. While doing so, crewmembers noted an object which appeared to be lingering/moving in the wake of USS Peleliu (LHA 5) in the vicinity of 24deg 31.89'N 112deg 50.94'W. The MH-60S crew moved the aircraft towards the object and noted multiple Infrared (IR) beacons floating in the water. The beacons were identified as IR as they were only visible with the use of Night Vision Goggles. The MH-60S began conducting clockwise circles at a low altitude for approximately 15 minutes. While doing so crewmembers noted an obvious shape in the water which they believed was a submarine. The craft was spotted approximately 3 miles to the rear of USS Peleliu and was in the vicinity of its wake. The crew of the UH-60S that while hovering the submarine did not appear to make any evasive actions and appeared to stay in place. Following this, the crew departed the area and returned to USS Peleliu where they were subsequently debriefed by members of command staff.

3. (U//NF) NCIS conducted interviews of the UH-60S crew at which time they generally described the craft was large in size (approximations vary). The crew was unable to photograph or video the craft as the Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) was not picking up IR at the time. However, the crew did recall that almost simultaneously upon seeing the craft, the crew heard bleed over communications on their unencrypted SATCOM radio net (frequency used is unknown) of a foreign language which was generally described as eastern European. The description of the sub indicated it was not at the surface of the water but rather just below the surface (approximations vary).

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4(u) ~~(S//NF)~~ This investigation continues pending the subsequent analysis of all available ELINT and extractable data from USS Peleliu by Third Fleet Intelligence personnel.

NARRATIVE

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) At this time, this investigation does not pertain to any suspected violations of law rather this investigation was opened out of a possible force protection concern related via LCDR (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) USN, Intelligence Officer, Expeditionary Strike Group 3 (ESG 3), in response Naval Base San Diego, CA.
2. (U//~~FOUO~~) This investigation continues pending the results of analysis and data by the Third Fleet N-2, San Diego, CA. Due to the deployment of the PELARG, this investigation is being reassigned to Special Agent (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)

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I/USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/UNIDENTIFIED SUBMERSIBLE VESSEL OBSERVED BY US NAVY MEMBERS

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EXHIBITS

- (1) IA: Results of Interview With LCDR (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) USN/16Jun12...
(Copy Command/PHIBRON/N2/J2 Only)
- (2) IA: Results of Interview With LT (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) USN/17Jun12...
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- (3) IA: Results of Interview With LT (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) , USN/17Jun12...
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- (4) IA: Results of Interview With AWS3 (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) USN/17Jun12...
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- (5) IA: Results of Interview With AT2 (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)
USN/17Jun12... (Copy Command/PHIBRON/N2/J2 Only)
- (6) IA: Results of Contact With Ship's Company/18Jun12... (Copy
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- (7) IA: Results of Contact With LCDR (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) , USN/19Jun12...
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) This special inquiry investigation was initiated on 16Jun12, following an event of possible force protection concern related via LCDR (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) USN, Intelligence Officer, Expeditionary Strike Group 3 (ESG 3). On 15Jun12, the crew of a helicopter attached to a squadron underway with the USS Peleliu (LHA 5) observed infra-red beacons and the silhouette of what they believed to be a submersible vessel. These beacons and vessel were located approximately 3 miles from the stern of the USS Peleliu, in the ships wake. Interviews of the crew revealed similar accounts of the incident. Additionally, members of the crew related they heard an unidentified language, possibly eastern European on an unencrypted radio channel during the encounter. Analysis of a recording of this radio communication is being conducted. This investigation continues pending the subsequent analysis of all available ELINT and extractable data from USS Peleliu by Third Fleet Intelligence personnel.

NARRATIVE

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) At this time, this investigation does not pertain to any suspected violations of law. This investigation was opened out of a possible force protection concern related via LCDR (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) , USN, Intelligence Officer, Expeditionary Strike Group 3 (ESG 3), in response Naval base San Diego, CA.

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2. ~~(S//NF)~~ On 15Jun12, while supporting the mission to support POTUS during the G-20 convention off the coast of Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, a crew from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 21 (HSC-21), USS Peleliu (LHA 5) was conducting Search and Rescue (SAR) systematic training patterns aboard their MH-60S Helicopter in the vicinity of 24deg 31.72'N 112deg 50.58'W (approx 33NM off Baja Peninsula, Mexico) at a heading of 137T. While doing so, crewmembers noted an object which appeared to be lingering/moving in the wake of USS Peleliu (LHA 5) in the vicinity of 24deg 31.89'N 112deg 50.94'W. The MH-60S crew moved the aircraft towards the object and noted multiple Infrared (IR) beacons floating in the water. The beacons were identified as IR as they were only visible with the use of Night Vision Goggles. The MH-60S began conducting clockwise circles at a low altitude for approximately 15 minutes. While doing so crewmembers noted an obvious shape in the water which they believed was a submarine. The craft was spotted approximately 3 miles to the rear of USS Peleliu and was in the vicinity of its wake. The crew of the UH-60S that while hovering the submarine did not appear to make any evasive actions and appeared to stay in place. Following this, the crew departed the area and returned to USS Peleliu where they were subsequently debriefed by members of command staff.

3. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Reporting Agent (RA) interviewed all crewmembers separately and documented their sighting via Exhibits (1-4) which include sketches of their observations. The MH-60S watched the sub at a low altitude for approximately 15 minutes and the sub made no evasive moves and appeared to have either stayed idle in the same place or moved at a slow pace and all the while continued to beacon the IR strobes. Crewmembers interviewed related the night as very dark and approximated the illumination to be 2%.

4. ~~(U//FOUO)~~ The interview of AWS2 (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) USN, detailed in Exhibit (4), revealed soon after spotting the craft, communications transmitted via unencrypted SATCOM radio aboard his helicopter picked up what he described as eastern European males speaking. Additionally, RA interviewed AT2 (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) USN, HSC-21, who advised he had recently heard unencrypted communications via SATCOM radios aboard MH-60S aircraft in the days following the sighting (Exhibit 5). Recordings of these foreign language transmissions are being analyzed by Third Fleet.

5. ~~(S//NF)~~ USS Peleliu Intercept Log was checked for indications of contact at the aforementioned location/time/date with negative results. Additional checks were made via Electronic Intelligence systems (ELINT) while cross referencing USS Peleliu's latitude/longitude and time of the aforementioned contact with the MH-60S flight crew. The check identified two commercially available navigational radar transmitters likely correlating to vessels. One of the radars operated in the vicinity of 1/4 to 1/3 of a mile from USS Peleliu on 14Jun12. The other transmitter was located just under three miles away from USS Peleliu. Per LCDR (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) USN, Expeditionary Strike Group 3 (ESG 3), J-2, both transmitters were identified as activating their radar systems for a very short period of time and then silencing their radar systems. According to LCDR (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) these types of transmissions indicate the user specifically activated and de-activated the use of the radar transmission three separate times and one time on the other craft. LCDR (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) advised the use of radar equipment in this manner could be indicative of criminal/nefarious activity and could be associated with Maritime smuggling. Further review of these transmissions indicate the craft nearest USS Peleliu activated and de-activated their radar three times. The other craft activated and de-activated its radar once which was at the same time as the last activation and de-activation of the other vessel closest to USS Peleliu (Exhibit 6).

6. ~~(U//REL FVEY)~~ On 19Jun12, LCDR (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) USN, Expeditionary Strike Group Three (ESG 3), J-2, provided RA with a SITREP and summary related to a interdiction and seizure/recovery of narcotics made by USS Princeton (CG-59) on

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16Jun12 in Pacific coastal waters (Exhibit 7).

7. (U//~~FOUO~~) This investigation continues pending the results of analysis and data by the Third Fleet N-2, San Diego, CA.

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I/USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/UNIDENTIFIED SUBMERSIBLE VESSEL OBSERVED BY US NAVY MEMBERS

RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH LCDR (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) USN

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) On 16Jun12, Reporting Agent (RA) interviewed LCDR (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) , USN, HSC-21, regarding this investigation. WALSH advised on 14Jun12, at approximately 2120, while conducting Search and Rescue (SAR) systematic training patterns aboard their MH-60S Helicopter, he and his crew noted an object which appeared to be in the wake of USS Peleliu (LHA 5). According to later calculations (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) estimated the crew spotted the object approximately 3 miles away from the stern of USS Peleliu (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) estimated the width of USS Peleliu's wake was approximately 100 feet across at that distance from the ship. The approximate width of the object appeared to be approximately 1/3 the width of the wake (approximately 33 1/3 feet wide) and appeared to be moving in the same direction as the ship. The width of the object appeared to be consistent with the rough shape and size as a submarine. According to (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) the craft was operating within the confines of USS Peleliu's wake.

2. (U//~~FOUO~~) As the aircraft approached the object (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) noted the presence of approximately 12 blinking lights in his Night Vision goggles (NVGs). Upon closer examination, crewmembers removed their goggles and noted the blinking were not visible without the use of NVGs. As such (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) determined the lights to be Infrared (IR) in nature. Additionally, the lights appeared to be in no particular order or shape (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) described the lights as appearing as though "someone took a big ball of Christmas lights and left there them out there". The lights were not blinking in any order or any particular pattern rather, the lights appeared disorganized and beacons independently (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) provided RA with a sketch of what the object looked like in proportion to USS Peleliu and the approximate pattern of the lights as they beacons (Enclosure A). Due to the restrictive visibility of the NVGs (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) stated he was unable to clearly define outlines of the craft making it difficult to describe more exact dimensions.

3. (U//~~FOUO~~) (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) advised the craft had traveled approximately 500 yards in approximately 10 minutes which he estimated the craft was moving at about 4 knots. While spotting the craft the MH-60S was flown in large circles around the craft at approximately 50 knots at an altitude of 100 feet from the water. At no time while observing the craft did it appear to make any evasive maneuvers rather the IR lights continued to beacon throughout the entire event and the craft did not change course.

4. (U//~~FOUO~~) No portion of the craft ever appeared above the water's surface and there was no wake noted trailing from the craft. No portion of a tower or antenna were seen or noted by (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) estimated the craft was several feet below the surface but not enough to expose the skin of the craft but close enough to

Exhibit (1)

see the beaconing IR strobes (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) was unable to distinguish any markings and/or striations on the skin of the craft. The strobes were not bright enough to aid in further identification or size or shape of the craft (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) did not have the exact coordinates or bearing of the craft or USS Peleliu but opined they were both a very similar course/heading (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) could not distinguish any difference in IR strobes he had seen in the past but believed they were similar to other IR strobes in size and actual IR light intensity.

5. (U//FOUO) Attempts were made to video record the shape via Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) camera however the crew was unable to do so.

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(A) Hand Drawn Sketch of Object and Lights/LCDR (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) 16 Jun12

REPORTED BY: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) , Special Agent
OFFICE: NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)

(b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)

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Enclosure (A)

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I/USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/UNIDENTIFIED SUBMERSIBLE VESSEL OBSERVED BY US NAVY MEMBERS

RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH LT (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) , USN

1. (U//FOUO) On 17Jun12, Reporting Agent (RA) interviewed LT (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) USN, HSC-21, regarding this investigation. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) advised RA on 15Jun12, while conducting Search and Rescue (SAR) systematic training patterns aboard their UH-60 Helicopter, he and the crew noted an object which appeared to be in the wake of USS Peleliu (LHA 5). (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) related the object was 50-60 feet long and the width of USS Peleliu's wake was approximately 100 feet across at that distance from the ship. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) advised the width of the craft was approximately 1/3 the width of the wake (approximately 33 1/3 feet wide) and appeared to be moving in the same direction as the ship. The object was initially sighted at 3.2 miles away from the stern of USS Peleliu. The width of the object appeared to be consistent with the rough shape and size as a submarine. According to (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) the craft was operating within the confines of USS Peleliu's wake while the ship was traveling at approximately 18 knots.

2. (U//FOUO) As the aircraft approached the craft (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) noted the presence of blinking lights he described as Infrared (IR) strobes in his Night Vision goggles (NVGs). (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) estimated the lights were confined to an area of approximately 15 by 20 ft and approximately 1-2 feet in between the lights. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) advised the IR was bright but appeared diffused to an extent and believed this was caused by water diffusing the light emanating from the craft. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) believed the lights were above the skin of the craft but below the surface of the water. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) described the lights as appearing as though they were in a straight line and did appear in an organized fashion. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) provided RA with a hand drawn description of what he recalled seeing to include the lights, craft and USS Peleliu (Enclosure A). (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) could not distinguish any difference in IR strobes he had seen in the past but believed they were similar to other IR strobes in size and actual IR light intensity. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) stated the IR was apparent and in no way could have been confused as bio-luminescence as it was signified by the intensity and the constant blinking.

3. (U//FOUO) (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) related that soon after spotting the craft, communications transmitted via unencrypted SATCOM radio aboard his helicopter picked up what he described as eastern European or possibly middle-eastern males communicating via the helicopter's SATCOM. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) related the language was not Spanish, Portuguese but closer to Russian.

4. (U//FOUO) (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) related USS Peleliu was moving at approximately 18 knots and in the period of 15 minutes the UH-60 watched the craft, USS Peleliu distanced itself from the craft from an original distance of 3.2 miles to 3.5 miles within the 15 minutes. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) opined the craft was not moving forward while being

Exhibit (2)

watched by the UH-60. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) as observed submarines before on deployment but did not observe any superstructures or identifiable markings associated with submarines he had seen in the past. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) related it was too dark to distinguish shape or exact size rather he relied on the difference between a light and dark contrast of the object from the water. However (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) recalled the front of the craft had a definite rounded shape in the front of it.

5. (U//~~FOUO~~) At no time while observing the craft did it appear to make any evasive maneuvers rather the IR lights continued to beacon throughout the entire event and the craft did not change course.

6. (U//~~FOUO~~) Attempts were made to video record the shape via Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) camera however the crew was unable to do so.

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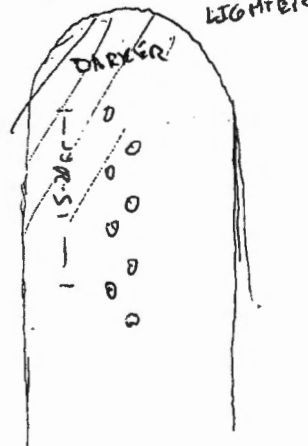
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REPORTED BY: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) , Special Agent

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I/USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/UNIDENTIFIED SUBMERSIBLE VESSEL OBSERVED BY US NAVY MEMBERS

RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH LT (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) USN

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) On 17Jun12, Reporting Agent (RA) interviewed LT (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) USN, HSC-21, regarding this investigation. MARKOWITZ advised on 15Jun12, while conducting Search and Rescue (SAR) systematic training patterns aboard their MH-60S Helicopter, he and the crew noted an object which appeared to be approximately 20 feet off the starboard side wake of USS Peleliu (LHA 5).

(b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) related the object was 15-30 feet wide and approximately 40-60 feet long. The object appeared to have a tapered front and rear end and possibly had a "rigid" hull. The object was initially sighted at 3 to 3.5 miles from the stern of USS Peleliu. The width of the object appeared to be consistent with the rough shape and size as a submarine. A hand drawn sketch was created by (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) depicting the size and pattern of the lights aboard the craft (Enclosure A).

2. (U//~~FOUO~~) As the aircraft approached the craft (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) noted the presence of approximately a dozen blinking lights he described as Infrared (IR) strobes in his Night Vision goggles (NVGs). (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) described the lights were blinking randomly however he believed they were in a straight line. When the lights flashed he noted the front end was not only tapered but rounded downward towards the tip and the lights followed the contour of the front end. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) opined the object was below the surface (approximately 30-40 feet) and believed that because as the object was in the water he recalled it was making its own sea foam vice the skin of the craft being exposed to the air and not stirring the water as much. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) stated he saw rounded fins located on the stern portion of the craft as well. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) stated it was difficult to see the exact shape due to the darkness of the night and the sub's location below the actual surface which caused the entire object to mimic a shadow. There were no striations or colorings and the craft appeared to be all on the same plane vice a tower or a raised bridge. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) advised the illumination was at about 2% and the NVGs the crew was using were the ANVAS-9 model. In reference to IR, (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) related the lights were indistinguishable past 1-2 miles and it was necessary to be in the close proximity of the craft and the lights in order to see them.

3. (U//~~FOUO~~) (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) advised the MH-60S altitude was about 200 feet and it was flying at approximately 60-70 knots. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) related he noticed the majority of the detail of the sub while the helicopter was making large clockwise circles above it and that is how he determined the shape of the nose cone and the detail of the rounded fins. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) related the sea state was 5-10 foot swells and the craft made no wake.

Exhibit (3)

4. (U//~~FOUO~~) (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) related that soon after spotting the craft, communications transmitted via unencrypted SATCOM radio aboard his helicopter picked up what he described as eastern European males speaking. Their voices did not sound concerned nor were they raised in any fashion but they were speaking in a language he could not determine.

5. (U//~~FOUO~~) At no time while observing the craft did it appear to make any evasive maneuvers rather the IR lights continued to beacon throughout the entire event and the craft did not change course.

6. (U//~~FOUO~~) Attempts were made to video record the shape via Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) camera however the crew was unable to do so.

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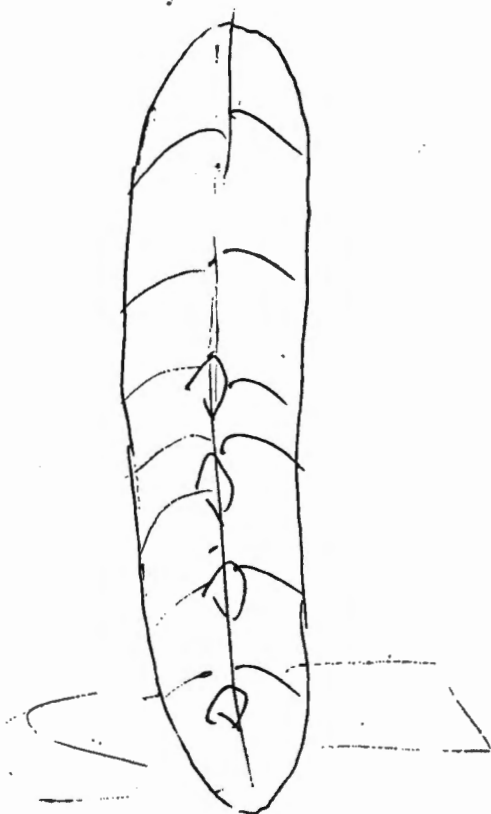
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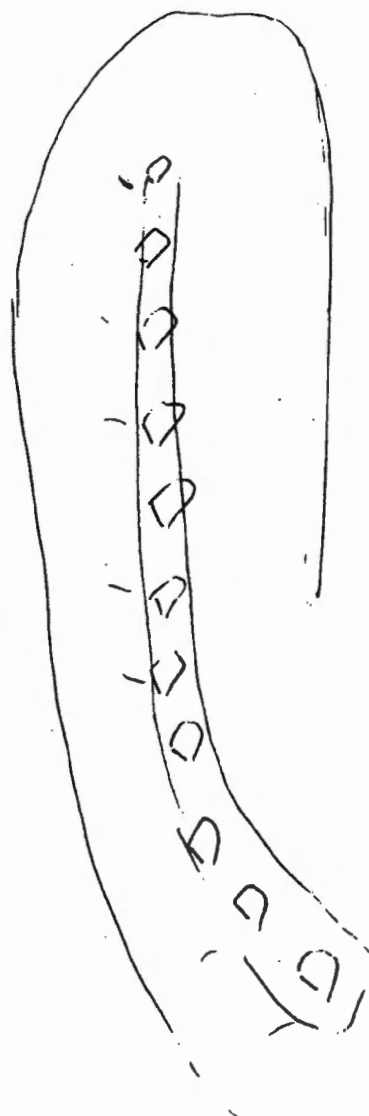
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RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH AWS3 (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C), USN

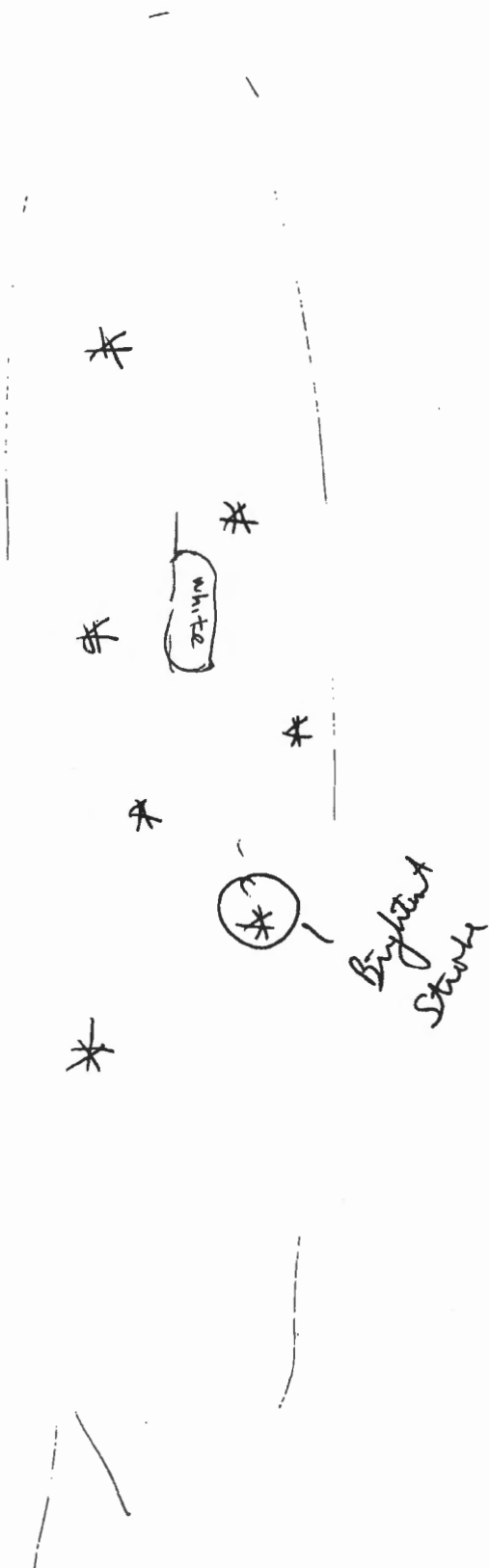
1. (U//~~FOUO~~) On 17Jun12, Reporting Agent (RA) interviewed AWS3 (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C), USN, HSC-21, regarding this investigation. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) advised on 14Jun12, while conducting Search and Rescue (SAR) systematic training patterns aboard their MH-60S Helicopter, he and the crew noted an object which appeared off the stern of USS Peleliu (LHA 5). (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) related the object was 30-40 feet wide and approximately 100 feet long. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) believed the object he was seeing appeared to be consistent with the rough shape and size as a submarine. A hand drawn sketch was created by (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) depicting the size and pattern of the lights he viewed off the object (Enclosure A).
2. (U//~~FOUO~~) As the aircraft approached the craft (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) noted the presence of blinking lights he described as Infrared (IR) strobes in his Night Vision goggles (NVGs) (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) described the lights were blinking randomly however he believed one strobe appeared brighter than the others (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) could not determine if the craft was stationary or moving. The strobes appeared to be approximately 6-7 feet apart from one another. The MH-60S observed the craft for approximately 10-15 minutes from an altitude of approximately 300-500 feet (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) could not tell if anything was sticking out of the water or not (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) did not observe any activity aboard the craft at all. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) did not notice striations, marks or objects on or affixed to the craft. LEEK did not observe a wake coming from the craft. However (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) observe a white mark on top of the craft which he opined may have been the top of an entry /hatch only observable from directly above the craft.
3. (U//~~FOUO~~) (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) related that soon after spotting the craft, communications transmitted via unencrypted SATCOM radio aboard his helicopter picked up what he described as eastern European males speaking. Their voices did not sound concerned nor were they raised in any fashion but they were speaking in a language he could not determine.
4. (U//~~FOUO~~) At no time while observing the craft did it appear to make any evasive maneuvers rather the IR lights continued to beacon throughout the entire event and the craft did not change course.
5. (U//~~FOUO~~) Attempts were made to video record the shape via Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) camera however the crew was unable to do so.

ENCLOSURE

(A) Hand Drawn Sketch/ASW (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) 17Jun12

REPORTED BY: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C), Special Agent**OFFICE:** NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)

Exhibit (4)



Enclosure (A)

AWS 803

& (b)

- 17 Jun 12

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Originator: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)

DTG: 071816Z Aug 12

From: NAVCRIMINVSERVFO SW SAN DIEGO CA(SC)

To: DIRNAVCRIMINVSERV QUANTICO VA(sc), NAVCRIMINVSERVHO NSD QUANTICO VA(sc)

Primary Precedence: ROUTINE

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Message Type: OTHER-ORGANIZATIONAL

Subject: NCIS CASE REPORT: SUB VESSEL OBSERVED BY USN MEMBER (IA-EX 5) 16JUN12-SWND-0416-5XNA

INVESTIGATIVE ACTION

17JUN12

CONTROL: 16JUN12-SWND-0416-5XNA

I/USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/UNIDENTIFIED SUBMERSIBLE VESSEL OBSERVED BY US NAVY MEMBERS

RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH AT2 (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) , USN/17JUN12

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) On 17Jun12, Reporting Agent (RA) interviewed AT2 (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) USN, HSC-21, regarding this investigation. As background, RA was advised (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) may be able to provide amplifying details regarding SATCOM transmissions related to the craft sighted in the water by HSC-21 pilots and crew.

2. (U//~~FOUO~~) During the interview, (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) advised he had been hearing what he described as an unknown language spoken recently on radio equipment he was maintaining aboard HSC-21 aircraft in the days following the possible sub spotting. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) described the language as sharp and abrupt between two parties and did not sound like Latin or Asian. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) has worked on communications gear for some time and he stated he has rarely heard anything being broadcast unencrypted over SATCOM radio. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) advised the radio's used aboard HSC-21 helicopters is a R210 radio and a station antenna. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) described the purpose of this radio equipment to communicate via line of sight.

REPORTED BY: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) Special Agent

OFFICE: NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)

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Originator: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)

DTG: 071905Z Aug 12

From: NAVCRIMINVSERV SW SAN DIEGO CA(SC)

To: DIRNAVCRIMINVSERV QUANTICO VA(sc), NAVCRIMINVSERVH NSD QUANTICO VA(sc)

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INVESTIGATIVE ACTION

18JUN12

CONTROL: 16JUN12-SWND-0416-5XNA

I/USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/UNIDENTIFIED SUBMERSIBLE VESSEL OBSERVED BY US NAVY MEMBERS

RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH SHIP'S COMPANY

1(u)(S//NF) On 18Jun12, Reporting Agent (RA) requested ship's company from USS Peleliu (LHA 5) Combat Information Center (CIC) query any passive and/or active radar/satellite platforms available and collecting information on at or around 2120 thru 2130 on 14Jun12, in the vicinity of LAT: 24deg 31.72'N LONG: 112deg 50.58'W (approx 33NM off Baja Peninsula, Mex) and LAT: 24deg 31.89'N LONG: 112deg 50.94'W, RA advised USS Peleliu's heading was 137T. Electronic Intelligence (ELINT) systems aboard USS Peleliu provided RA with a report which identified a three mile radius from USS Peleliu on 14Jun12. Within this radius, four separate contacts were made by two unidentified craft.

2(u)(S//NF) Three contacts were made by a craft within approximately 1/4 to 1/3 of a mile away from USS Peleliu at LAT: 24:26'10"N; LONG: 112:48'22"W at the following times: 03:35:43, 03:42:26 and 03:35:00 Zulu time.

3(u)(S//NF) The fourth contact was made by a separate craft located just within the three mile radius of USS Peleliu which made contact at 24:26'41"N; LONG: 112:50'23"W at 03:42:44. The ELINT report relevant to these contacts are attached (Enclosure A).

4(u)(S//NF) Additionally, Ship's Company also provided RA with a copy chat log excerpts derived on 16Jun12, when the crew of USS Princeton (CG-59) intercepted approximately 186 bales of marijuana (Enclosure B).

5(u)(S//NF) Per LCDR (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) USN, Expeditionary Strike Group 3 (ESG 3), both contacts were identified as activating their radar systems for a very short period of time and then silencing their radar systems. According to LCDR(b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) these types of transmissions indicate the user specifically activated and de-activated the use of the satellite transmission three separate times and one time on the other craft. LCDR(b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) advised the use of satellite equipment in this manner could be indicative of criminal/nefarious activity and could be associated with Maritime smuggling.

ENCLOSURES

(A) ELINT Report/Undated

(B) USS PRINCETON Chat Logs of 16Jun12/Undated

REPORTED BY: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) , Special Agent

OFFICE: NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)

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Originator: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C)

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INVESTIGATIVE ACTION

19JUN12

CONTROL: 16JUN12-SWND-0416-5XNA

I/USS PELELIU (LHA 5)/UNIDENTIFIED SUBMERSIBLE VESSEL OBSERVED BY US NAVY MEMBERS

RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH LCDR (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) USN

1. (u) ~~(S//NF)~~ On 19Jun12, LCDR (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C), USN, Expeditionary Strike Group, J-2, provided Reporting Agent (RA) with a SITREP related to a interdiction and seizure/recovery of narcotics made by USS Princeton (CG-59) on 16Jun12 (Enclosure A). Additionally, RA was provided with a Powerpoint product summarizing the event (Enclosure B).

2. (u) ~~(S//NF)~~ According to LCDR(b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) the vessels related to this seizure had been tracked for approximately two weeks by "CSG MIDPAC". LCDR(b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) also advised USS Princeton pulled in 186 bales and turned them over to a CG Cutter (EDISTO) on 18Jun12. Later, the Mexican Navy took an additional 59 bales (possibly more) into custody. LCDR(b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) related during the interdiction, a USN helicopter startled the PANGA crews when it pursued the smugglers.

ENCLOSURES

(A) USS Princeton (CG-59) SITREP/16Jun12

(B) Powerpoint Summary of Events/16Jun12

REPORTED BY: (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C), Special Agent

OFFICE: NCISREP USS PELELIU (LHA 5)

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COMTHIRDFLT
COMNAVSURFPAC SAN DIEGO CA
COMCARSTRKGRU ELEVEN
INFO COMNAVREG SW SAN DIEGO CA
CHINFO WASHINGTON DC
CNIC WASHINGTON DC
ONI WASHINGTON DC
HQ USNORTHCOM
CCGDELEVEN ALAMEDA CA
COMCOGARD SECTOR SAN DIEGO CA
USS NIMITZ
COMCARAIRWING ELEVEN
COMHELMARSTRIKEWINGPAC SAN DIEGO CA
HELMARSTRIKERON SEVEN FIVE NORTH ISLAND CA
HELSEACOMBATRON SIX
USS PRINCETON

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COMUSFLTFORCOM NORFOLK VA//N3/N5/BWC/N41//

COMPACFLT PEARL HARBOR HI//MOC//

CHINFO WASHINGTON DC//00//

HQ USNORTHCOM//J3//

MSGID/OPREP-3,USMTF,2012/USS PRINCETON/004//

FLAGWORD/NAVY BLUE/-//

TIMELOC/162055ZJUN12/3115N117502/INIT//

GENTEXT/INCIDENT IDENTIFICATION AND DETAILS/

1. INCIDENT: RECOVERY OF SUSPECTED DRUG CARGO
2. DATE OF INCIDENT: 16JUN2012
3. TIME OF INCIDENT: 162050Z-170245Z (1350T-1945T)
4. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: IVO SOCAL OPAREA P-3 (3115N 11750W)
5. INCIDENT: AT 1355T, WHILE PREPARING FOR FLIGHT OPERATIONS, NIM CONTACTED PRN OVER BTB REPORTING TWO FAST BOATS BRG 129T AT 6.6KTS IVO 3132N 11149W. PRN UNDERWAY WITH NIM CONDUCTING PRE-RIMPAC INTEROPERABILITY TRAINING. PRN BEGAN PURSUIT OF VESSEL AT MAX SPEED AND REQUESTED NIM SEND HELO TO INVESTIGATE.

INDIAN 613 DIRECTED BY NIM TO RESPOND TO SMALL CRAFT, BELIEVED TO BE PANGAS. INDIAN 613 LOCATED 2X WHITE, 25FT PRIVATE VESSELS, EACH WITH A SINGLE OUTBOARD MOTOR IVO 3115.58N 11750.60W, HEADING SE AT 20KTS. NEITHER VESSEL HAD IDENTIFIABLE COUNTRY FLAG OR MARKING. INDIAN 613 APPROACHED VESSELS, CPA OF 500METERS. WHILE APPROACHING, AIRCREW IDENTIFIED APPROXIMATELY 4X PERSONS ON EACH VESSEL THROWING NUMEROUS BLACK BALES OVERBOARD.

AFTER IDENTIFYING NIMSG, FAST BOATS ALTERED COURSE TO 194T AND INCREASED SPD TO MORE THAN 30KTS. AT 1410T, PRN ABANDONED PURSUIT OF SMALL CRAFT; LAST RANGE 10NM AND OPENING. PRN ALTERED COURSE TO 025T TO RETRIEVE PACKAGES IN WATER. AT 1414T, PRN LOCATED APPROX 26 PACKAGES IN WATER BRG 020R-060R. AT 1419T PRN LOST RADAR RETURNS FROM SMALL CRAFT. LAST KNOWN POSIT 3102N 11749W.

PRN LAUNCHED FIRST RHIB AT 1434T TO RECOVER CONTRABAND. FIRST 3 PACKAGES RECOVERED BY RHIB AT APPROX 1457T. CONTRABAND WRAPPED IN PLASTIC BAGS. APPROX 100LBS AND 3'X 2'X 2'. BOAT OFFICER REPORTED POSSIBLE GPS TRACKING DEVICE IN WATER (NOT RECOVERED).

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SECOND RHIB LAUNCHED AT 1510T. FROM 1510T TO 1945T, PRN RHIBS CONDUCTED RECOVERY EFFORTS OF CONTRABAND. AT 1650T, PRN LAUNCHED LONEWOLF 722 TO ASSIST IN LOCATING EXTENT OF CONTRABAND FIELD. LONEWOLF 722 RECOVERED AT 1930T.

PRN EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CHIEF MASTER AT ARMS CONDUCTED DRUG ID TEST OF ONE BALE. CONTRABAND IDENTIFIED AS MARIJUANA. FINAL COUNT WAS 186 BALES. EACH BALE ESTIMATED TO WEIGH 80LBS FOR A TOTAL OF APPROX 15,000LBS. PRN PROCEEDING TO OFFLOAD CONTRABAND TO COGARD DISTRICT 11.

6. FINAL REPORT THIS INCIDENT. ABLE TO CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION. MISHAP REPORT NOT REQUIRED. PRESS INTEREST POSSIBLE.

7. POC: LT MESSNER G/OPS(AT)CG59.NAVY(.SMIL).MIL//
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