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IN REPLY REFER TO
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Ser 1303P43

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From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: Disposal of TRATHEN (DD-530), WICKES (DD-578),
HARADEN (DD-585), BELL (DD-587) and BURNS (DD-588)
as Targets to Destruction

Ref: (a) SECNAV FIRST Endorsement ser 1239P43 of
5 Oct 1972 on CNO ltr ser 1238P43 of
3 Oct 1972
(b) Title 10, U.S. Code Section 7306
(c) Environmental Impact Statement on Use of Target
Ship Hulls in Exercises at Sea of August 1971

1. As directed by reference (a), the TRATHEN (DD-530), WICKES (DD-578), HARADEN (DD-585), BELL (DD-587) and BURNS (DD-588) will be stricken from the Naval Vessel Register as of 1 November 1972. They are authorized for disposal pursuant to existing law in a manner most advantageous to the government, and the Chief of Naval Operations was directed to take action incident to their disposal.

2. Authority is requested to dispose of these ships as targets to destruction as provided for in reference (b). If this request is approved, these ships are planned for use as test targets in the weapons development program.

3. All precautions will be taken to insure against environmental impact. The vessels will be properly prepared for destruction in accordance with reference (c) and the development program will be conducted in the Pacific Missile Range.

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1. Returned, approved.
2. The TRATHEN (DD-530), WICKES (DD-578), HARADEN (DD-585), BELL (DD-587) and BURNS (DD-588) are authorized to be disposed of as targets to destruction in accordance with reference (a). It is stressed that this disposal must comply with the provisions of PL 91-190 in regard to environmental impact.

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From: Commander, Naval Ship Systems Command
To: Commanding Officer, Naval Missile Center, Point Mugu, California
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Subj: HARPOON Target Ships

Ref: (a) CNO msg 162326Z Nov 1972
(b) NAVMISCEN ltr 5180 8800 of 4 Jan 73
(c) CO INACTSHIPFAC SDIEGO 1st endorsement ser 60/56 of 26 Jan 73

1. Reference (a) assigned EX-DDs TRATHEN (530), WICKES (578), HARADEN (585), BELL (587), and BURMS (588) for HARPOON Weapon Systems test program.
2. Upon review of the proposals contained in references (b) and (c) and the current heavy schedule of ship inactivations and attendant pier loading at INACTSHIPFAC San Diego, the following exceptions must be stressed.

a. INACTSHIPFAC San Diego will assist in the preparation of subject ships as targets at no cost to INACTSHIPFAC San Diego. Approval for the conversion of subject ships will be on a case by case basis as mutually agreed to by the parties involved.

b. Upon request, custody will be transferred to NAVMISCEN and ships will be returned to INACTSHIPFAC San Diego only if disposal by sale is approved as most advantageous to the government and CO, INACTSHIPFAC San Diego is satisfied that the vessel is in no danger of sinking and is otherwise sea worthy and towable.

c. All actions involving subject ships such as but not limited to alterations, removals, boarding, etc., will be coordinated with CO INACTSHIPFAC San Diego.

d. All costs incident to retention of subject ships for HARPOON Test Program will be funded by NAVMISCEN.

3. Subject to the provisions enumerated in reference (c) and the foregoing, the proposals of reference (b) are acceptable.

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By direction