

COMMISSIONING



USS JOHN ADAMS
SSBN 620
MAY 12, 1964

*The Commanding Officer, the officers and the crew
of the USS John Adams (SSB(N) 620) cordially invite
you to the Commissioning Party*

To be held on

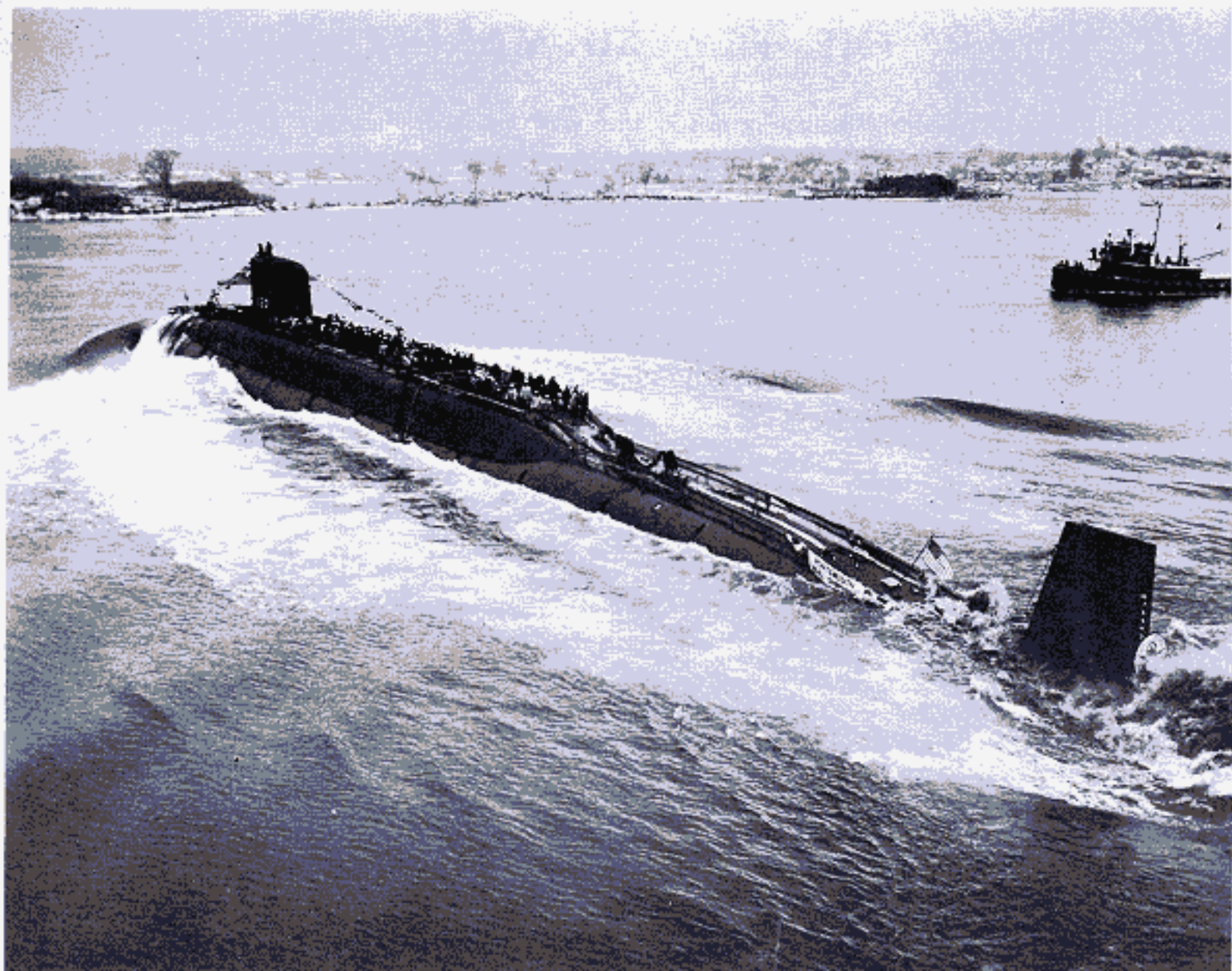
Tuesday, the twelfth of May, 1964,

commencing at

eighteen thirty hours at the

Wentworth-by-the-Sea Hotel, Newcastle, New Hampshire

The USS JOHN ADAMS has adopted as the ship's insignia the coat-of-arms used by John Adams. This insignia, as shown on the front of the program, contains the motto, "LIBERATUM AMICITIAM RETINEBIS ET FIDEM" which may be translated: "You will preserve freedom, friendship, and faith."



LAUNCHING

The USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN 620) was launched at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, N. H. at 1:10 P. M. on 12 January 1963

The ship's sponsor was Mrs. James C. (Abigail Adams) Manny of New York City, the great, great, great granddaughter of John Quincy Adams. The ship is named in honor of John Adams and John Quincy Adams.

THE FBM SUBMARINE

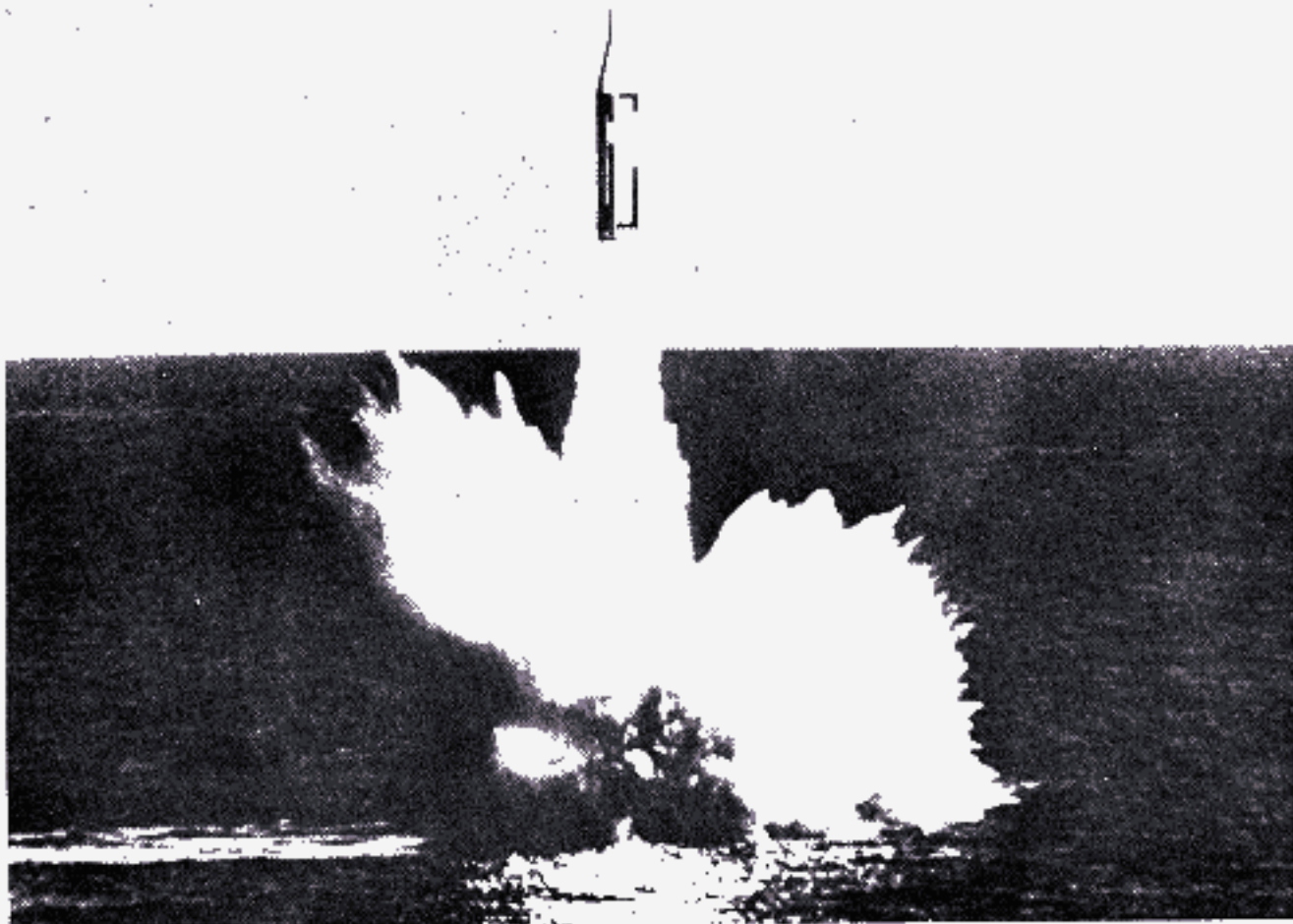
The Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine had its birth with the commissioning of the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (SSBN 598) on 30 December 1959. The second generation of FBM submarines began with the USS ETHAN ALLEN (SSBN 608) and included many new designs and improvements over the 598 class. The third generation and the ultimate in submarine design and development was born with the commissioning of the USS LAFAYETTE (SSBN 616). The USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN 620) is a member of this highly revolutionized 616 class submarine. She is 425 feet long and displaces some 7000 tons. The JOHN ADAMS can carry 16 Polaris Missiles and can accommodate the A-2 or A-3 missile.

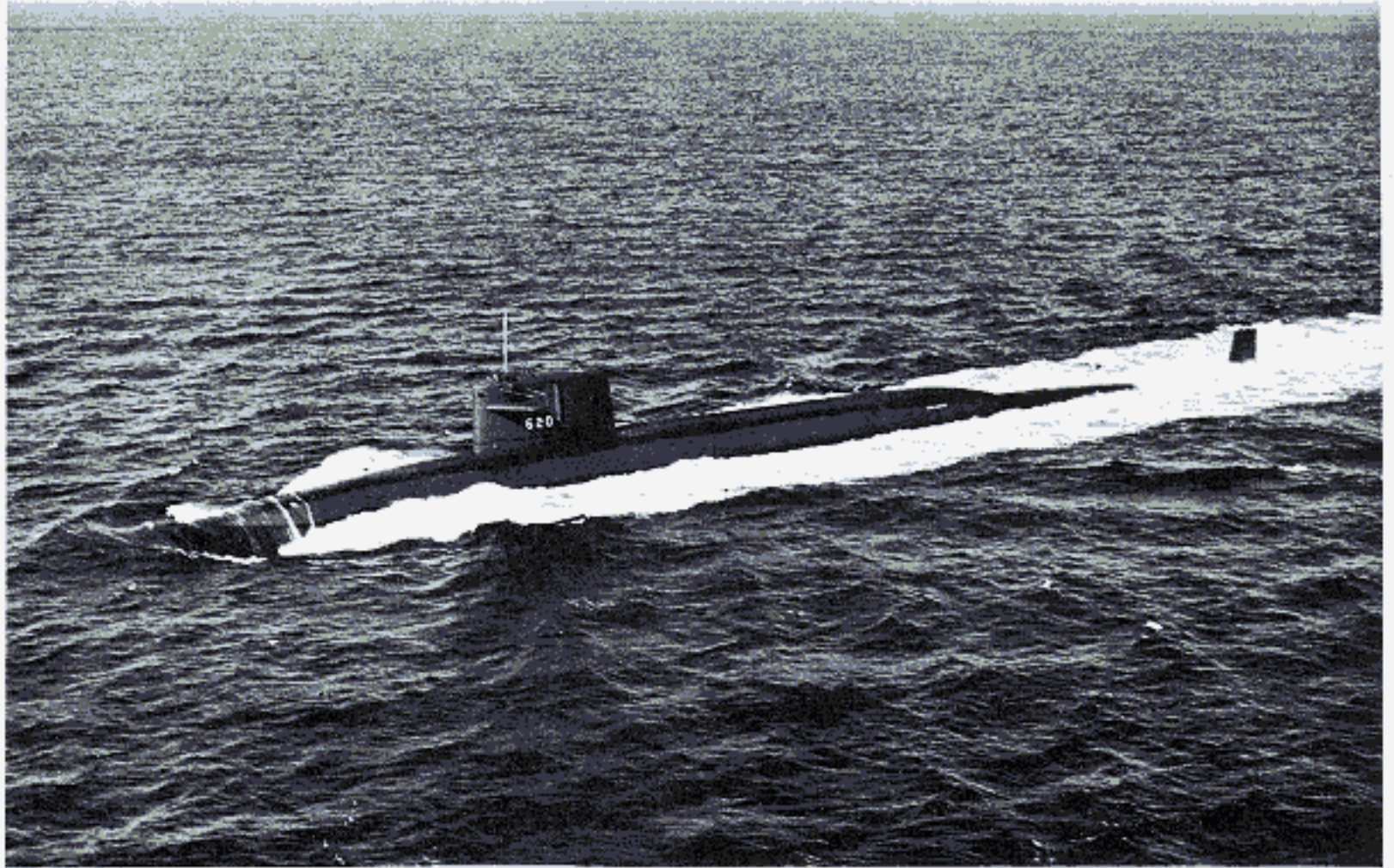
Nuclear reactor power provides the steam to propel the ship and to supply the ship's huge electrical load.

The submarine is equipped with an atmosphere control system that revitalizes the air to produce an atmosphere conducive to long submerged periods.

The navigation system is an important link in successful missile firing and must be able to pin point the ship's exact position at all times. Being constantly submerged during patrol, the navigation system must use a Ship's Inertial Navigation System called SINS. This system is the same as that used for under ice polar explorations by nuclear submarines.

The ship's crew has undergone intensive courses in specialized training programs. All are volunteers. The crew works as a team to ensure that the nations' most effective deterrent weapon system is fully ready in the service of our country.





Underway on Sea Trials off the New England seacoast.



COMMANDER LANDO W. ZECH, Jr., USN
COMMANDING OFFICER, USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN 620) (BLUE)

Commander Lando W. Zech, Jr., is the son of Mrs. Lando W. Zech and the late Dr. Lando W. Zech of Seattle, Washington. He was graduated from the United States Naval Academy and commissioned as an Ensign on June 7, 1944.

Upon graduation from the Naval Academy he was assigned to the destroyer USS JOHN D. HENLEY (DD 553) and later to the destroyer USS HENRY W. TUCKER (DDR 875). Commander Zech then entered the submarine service and served in the submarines USS FLYING FISH (SS 229), the USS BLACKFIN (SS 322), and the USS IREX (SS 482).

Commander Zech assumed command of the submarine USS SEA ROBIN (SS 407) in January 1956. A year later he took command of the revolutionary high speed submarine USS ALBACORE (AGSS 569). For many years ALBACORE was the world's fastest submarine.

In July 1958, Commander Zech was graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College. He was next assigned to the Naval Reactors Branch, Atomic Energy Commission in Washington, D. C. for a one year course of instruction in nuclear propulsion.

Upon completion of his duty with the Atomic Energy Commission in June 1959, Commander Zech took command of the USS NAUTILUS. During the period of his command, NAUTILUS completed the first overhaul of a nuclear powered ship and subsequently steamed more than 60,000 miles, most of which were submerged.

For his performance of duty as Commanding Officer, USS NAUTILUS (SSN 571), Commander Zech was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal.

After leaving NAUTILUS, Commander Zech attended courses of instruction in the Polaris Submarine Systems and reported to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in November 1962 as Prospective Commanding Officer (Blue) of USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN 620).

In addition to the Navy Commendation Medal, Commander Zech is eligible to wear the following decorations: American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific (4 stars), Philippine Campaign, American Theater Occupation, China Service, United Nations, Korean Service, WWII Victory, National Defense, Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, and Korean Presidential Unit Citation.



COMMANDER PAUL J. EARLY, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER, USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN 620) (GOLD)

Paul J. Early was born in Astoria, Long Island, New York, on 18 July 1925, son of Charles P. and Clemence D. Early.

He entered the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, on appointment from New York, in July 1944, and was graduated and commissioned Ensign, on 6 June 1947.

Following commissioning, Commander Early served successive tours of duty in USS BORDELON (DDR 881), as an instructor in Marine Engineering at the U. S. Naval Academy and in USS MINDORO (CVE 120). He was graduated from the U. S. Submarine School in New London, Connecticut in July 1950 and served in USS TORSK (SS 423) and USS HAMMERHEAD (SS 364).

In August 1953, he reported to the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission for training in nuclear engineering at Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and that December he reported to the National Reactor Test Station, Arco, Idaho, for duty in connection with the testing and operation of the Submarine Thermal Reactor, the first prototype power reactor.

In November 1955, he reported to the U. S. S. NAUTILUS (SSN 571). While on board, he participated in the Arctic exploratory voyage of 1957 and the first Transpolar passage between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans in August 1958. For this passage, U. S. S. NAUTILUS received the first Presidential Unit Citation awarded in peacetime. He received a letter of commendation from Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, for his performance of duty in connection with the Arctic operations of 1957. He received a letter of commendation from Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, for meritorious achievement in connection with the Transpolar passage of August 1958.

In December 1958 he joined the precommissioning detail of U. S. S. HALIBUT (SSGN 587) and served as Executive Officer through her first year of operation.

From September 1960 to February 1961, he served on Submarine Squadron ONE Staff as Engineer and Material Officer.

He was Commanding Officer, U. S. S. SARGO (SSN 583) from May 1961 to January 1963. During that time he was awarded a Legion of Merit and a Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet Letter of Commendation for his performance of duty during two separate periods. In addition the SARGO was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation, the Majoric Sterrett Battleship Fund Award and the Battle Efficiency Pennant for excellence during the same period.

COMMISSIONING

BAND SELECTIONS

Boston Naval Base Band

INVOCATION

Commander Donald R. Caughey, CHC, USN

WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Rear Admiral Charles J. Palmer, USN
Commander, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

INTRODUCTION OF COMMANDANT, FIRST NAVAL DISTRICT

Rear Admiral Charles J. Palmer, USN
Commander, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

INTRODUCTION OF COMMANDER, SUBMARINE FORCE, U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET

Rear Admiral William B. Sieglaff, USN
Commandant, First Naval District

REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Vice Admiral Elton W. Grenfell, USN
Commander, Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet

ADDRESS BY PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Rear Admiral John W. Ailes, III, USN
Commander Service Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet

READING OF NAVY DEPARTMENT ORDERS TO COMMISSION SHIP

Rear Admiral William B. Sieglaff, USN
Commandant, First Naval District

NG PROGRAM

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Ensign, Jack and Commissioning Pennant Are Hoisted
The Ship Is Now In Commission

READING OF COMMANDING OFFICER'S ORDERS AND ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

Commander Lando W. Zech, Jr., USN
Commanding Officer

SETTING OF THE WATCH

Commander John T. Rigsbee, USN
Executive Officer

BREAKING OF THE PERSONAL FLAG OF

Admiral Harold Page Smith, USN
Commander In Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet

PROSPECTIVE COMMANDING OFFICER (GOLD) REPORTS FOR DUTY

Commander Paul J. Early, USN

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Commander Lando W. Zech, Jr., USN
Commanding Officer

BENEDICTION

Lieutenant Kenneth F. Kieffer, CHC, USN

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Portsmouth Naval Shipyard



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Commander In Chief
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VADM Elton W. Grenfell, USN
Commander Submarine Force
U. S. Atlantic Fleet



RADM Vernon L. Lowrance, USN
Deputy Commander Submarine Force
U. S. Atlantic Fleet



COMMISSIONING CREW (BLUE)

OFFICERS

CDR Lando W. Zech, Jr., USN - Commanding Officer
CDR John T. Rigsbee, USN - Executive Officer
LCDR Joseph G. Di Giacomo, USN
LCDR Richard A. Currier, USN
LCDR Herbert E. Tibbetts, USN
LT Richard M. Hughes, USN
LT Arthur E. Keegan, USN
LT Andrew S. Massimino, USN

LT James Vorosmarti, Jr., MC, USN
LT Philip T. Cunningham, SC, USN
LTJG George E. White, USN
LTJG Charles H. Peterson, USN
LTJG Porter Lewis, Jr., USN
LTJG John M. Gluck, USN
LTJG William H. Lieblein, USN

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R. L. Huguenin, MMCA (SS)
R. B. Johnson, ENCA (SS)
R. W. Letourneau, ETCA (SS)
W. Neilson, QMCA (SS)
G. H. Roos, TMCA (SS)
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G. A. Becker, ICFN (SU)
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H. H. Blood, ET2 (SS)
R. L. Bolles, ETR3 (SU)
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K. W. Lock, EN3 (SU)
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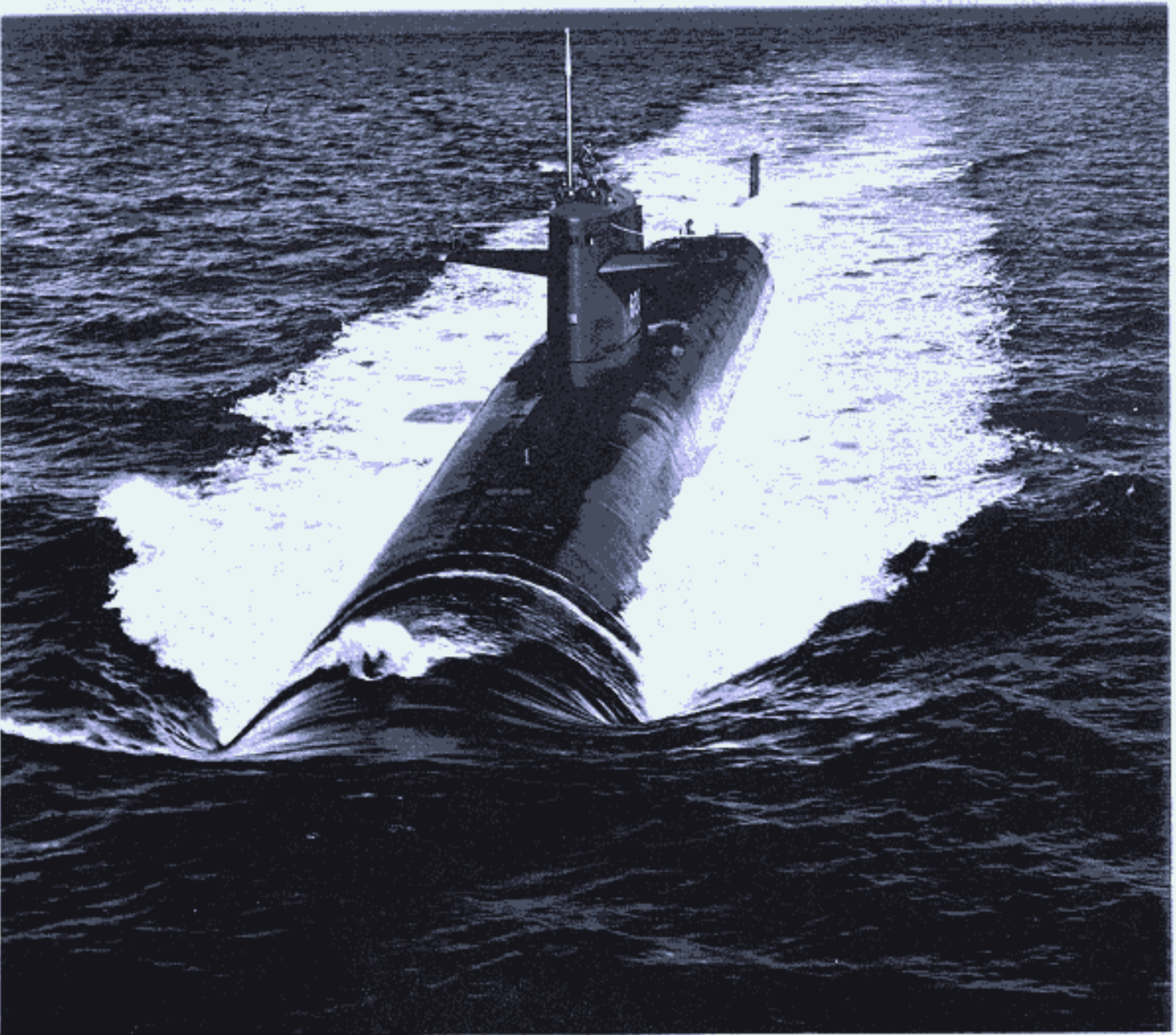
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"This hand, to tyrants ever sworn the foe,
For freedom only deals the deadly blow;
Then sheathes in calm repose the vengeful blade,
For gentle peace in freedom's hallowed shade."

JOHN Q. ADAMS