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Encl: (1) Command History of USS JOUETT (DLG-29) for Calendar Year 1969
(2) Documented Annexes

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is forwarded herewith.

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Command History of USS JOUETT (DLG 29)
for Calendar Year 1969

I. Chronology of Highlights

- 1 Jan -26 Feb Installation and At-Sea Trials for Project D/S 499, Ship Anti-Missile Integrated Defense System
- 13 - 20 March Participated in Commander First Fleet's Exercise "Bell Jangle"
- 21 - 25 March Participated in Commander Destroyer Squadron ONE COMPTUEX 11-69
- 8 - 22 May Completed Southeast Asia Interface Testing and Evaluation
- 26 - 29 May Participated in Commander Destroyer Squadron ONE COMPTUEX 16-69
- 30 Mar - 2 Aug Preparations for Western Pacific Deployment which included the following inspections:
Operational Readiness Inspection, Nuclear Weapons Administrative Inspection, Administrative Inspection, Force Operational Range Accuracy Check, Pre-deployment Ordnance Inspection
- 2 Aug - 31 Dec Deployed to Western Pacific. During the course of the deployment three periods were spent on the line as PIRAZ and South SAR Station Ship in the Tonkin Gulf Combat Zone and one line period in the Sea of Japan as PARPRO Picket.

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II. BASIC NARRATIVE

JOUETT spent the first two months of 1969 with the installation, testing and evaluation of SAMID (Ship Anti-Missile Integrated Missile Defense System). The project labeled D/S 499 was installed by 27 January 1969 with a demanding requirement placed on both the men of JOUETT and contractor personnel. Commencing on the 27th of January, JOUETT operated on a weekly basis of leaving port on Monday and returning by Friday for a period of five weeks. The testing and evaluation of the SAMID package was conducted in the Local Southern California Operation Area. By the completion of the testing, the operator proficiency was proven with JOUETT making several recommendations to be incorporated in the production prototype package. Also, deletions were made to the introduction of Mux Flux to the chaff capabilities of a DLG. Evaluation of the Shipboard Developmental System was completed by 12 March, and the Developmental Equipment modifications were removed. The evaluation of JOUETT participation in the project was Excellent.

In early March preparations were begun for the Commander First Fleet Exercise "Bell Jangle". For this exercise Rear Admiral Sheldon H. KINNEY, Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla ELEVEN, broke his flag in JOUETT. Thirteen missiles were fired on 15 March during the SAMEX phase of "Bell Jangle". In the final phase JOUETT turned in the best score of any missile ship, achieving seven hits, among them one on the difficult BOMARC target.

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Also conducted were successful ASROC, torpedo and Gunfire Support Exercises. Near the end of March, preparations for inspections prior to deployment began, with the first being the Annual Administrative Inspection conducted on 14 and 15 April. JOUETT performed extremely well on the 14-15 April inspection, for an overall grade of High Excellent, with the major departments receiving the following grades: Engineering - Excellent; Operations - Outstanding; Weapons - Outstanding; Navigation - Outstanding. These fine marks rewarded the hard work and professional attention of all hands. No sooner was the Admin Inspection completed than preparations were begun for COMPTUEX 11-69, which was conducted from 21 through 25 April. During this period JOUETT maintained her operational proficiency in many competitive exercises.

Upon completion of COMPTUEX 11-69, JOUETT prepared for and successfully passed her NWA (Nuclear Weapons Administrative Inspection) with a grade of Excellent. During this period of preparation, JOUETT was operating two to three days a week in the Local Operating Area, with a new NTDS tactical program titled "The Southeast Asia Interface Test". Testing and evaluation of the program ran from 8 through 22 May. For this effort, the ship was given a Well-Done by Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet.

On 26 May JOUETT left for the Local Operating Area to participate in COMPTUEX 16-69 with other ships of Destroyer Squadron ONE. The exercise, considered successful, was completed on 29 May and was the last in which JOUETT participated prior to deployment. The remaining months of June and July were occupied with a Pre-deployment Ordnance review, and the FORAC (Force Operation

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Range Accuracy Check) Range. The FORAC Range was satisfactorily completed and was used to test tolerances of the ship's gyroscopes, radars and sonar. The well-honed crew of JOUETT was given leave during the upkeep period in July, in preparation for 2 August departure.

As Flagship for COMDESRON ONE, JOUETT started her six-month deployment by being the first ship to sail under the San Diego Bridge after it was officially opened at noon, 2 August 1969. With her squadron-mates: D. J. BUCKLEY, BOYD, F. B. PARKS, and HANSON, and in company with USS HANCOCK, she reached Pearl Harbor on 5 August. Briefings and stores-loading alternated with a short period underway to assist HANCOCK with her ORI. Another day was spent in a unique ASW experience, conducting training operations with the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force Submarine HARUSHIO.

Leaving Hawaii on 15 August, JOUETT made a high-speed transit as escort for HANCOCK to Subic Bay, arriving 26 August. The next day Captain A. L. STICKLES II relieved Captain A. E. EMERSON as COMDESRON ONE and broke his pennant in JOUETT.

En route to the Tonkin Gulf on 2 September, JOUETT received orders to divert and maintain covert surveillance of a steel-hulled trawler thought to be attempting to land supplies for the Viet Cong in the Mekong Delta. Joined by MACKENZIE, JOUETT played cat and mouse with the trawler in the vicinity of the Paracel Islands for four days under extremely bad weather conditions before being ordered to continue on her original mission.

A short stop in Danang Harbor prefaced what was to be the first of several

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month-long tours on PIRAZ (radar picket) station far north into the Gulf of Tonkin. With her special NTDS and guided missile capability, JOUETT was ideally suited to her mission of identifying and tracking the aircraft flying from TF 77 carriers at Yankee Station and also over the North Vietnamese Coast. Additionally, with a UH-2 helicopter detachment embarked, she was ready to come to the rescue of any pilot forced down. When assigned similar duty a year ago, JOUETT did a lot of business in search and rescue. It was to turn out for this deployment, however, that no pilots, fortunately, would require assistance by her.

The routine of daily mail helo flights and bi-weekly underway refuelings was broken only by brief visits from RADM H. H. ANDERSON, Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group SEVENTH Fleet, and RADM FITZPATRICK, COMNAVCOM.

On 3 October, JOUETT was relieved by USS BIDDLE and proceeded to Sasebo, Japan, via a brief fueling stop in Subic Bay, arriving 12 October. After 48 hours in Sasebo, JOUETT set out for the Sea of Japan, where she performed radar picket duties for the remainder of the month, but now as a unit of TF 71. After a few days, COMDESRON ONE left JOUETT to break his pennant in USS HULL. For part of this time, CTF 71 in USS CONSTELLATION was also in the vicinity, which lured several overflight attempts by Soviet Aircraft. JOUETT received a message of commendation from Commander SEVENTH Fleet for her early detection of these flights.

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Ten days of upkeep in Yokosuka, Japan, 1 through 11 November, followed the operation in the Sea of Japan, after which JOUETT returned to PIRAZ station for the period 18 November through 2 December. After four days in Subic Bay for a tender availability, she was back again in the Tonkin Gulf, this time into the New Year. COMDESRON ONE returned aboard on 11 December. USS TRUXTUN relieved on 10 January 1970 and JOUETT sailed out of the Tonkin Gulf for the final time.

Three days in Kaohsiung, 12 through 14 January, followed by a week in Hong Kong, were a fitting climax to the previous weeks spent on the line. Entertainment aboard of Chinese National and French midshipmen, a party for Hong Kong school boys, and a successful blood donation campaign all permitted JOUETT to participate in special projects in these ports. After a final load-out in Subic Bay, JOUETT rejoined her squadron-mates and sailed for home with COMDESRON ONE embarked. A brief stop for fuel in Guam and an underway refueling from USS PASSUMSIC followed, after which the squadron proceeded to OUTCHOP on 31 January. A brief logistics stop in Pearl Harbor was made on 5 February, with arrival in San Diego on 12 February 1970.

Upon completion of the deployment, JOUETT had steamed 47,023 miles, burned 4,602,603 gallons of fuel during 156 days at sea out of 190 days deployment. Additionally, JOUETT replenished/refueled at sea 24 times, including four VERTREPS.

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