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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-1000

June 17, 2010

The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka
Chairman, Committee on Veterans Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-1103

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SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your memorandum of April 28, 2010, requesting the Navy prepare a list of Navy ships that served off the coast of Vietnam from 1962 to 1975.

Enclosed you will find a list of 713 ships that earned either the Vietnam Service Medal or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for Vietnam service from 1962 onward compiled by the Naval History and Heritage Command. The Navy and Marine Corps Awards Manual (SECNAVINST 1650.1H) defines the area in which a ship must have operated during this time period to be eligible for these awards as follows: "water areas from a point on the east coast of Vietnam at the border of Vietnam with China southeastward to 21N, 108-15E; thence southward to 18N, 108-15E; thence southeastward to 17-30N, 111E; thence southward to 11N, 111E; thence southwestward to 7N, 105E; thence westward to 7N, 103E; thence northward to 9-30N, 103E; thence northeastward to 10-15N, 104-27E; thence northward to a point on the west coast of Vietnam at the border of Vietnam with Cambodia." This geographic area is depicted on the enclosed map. The enclosed list also includes ships that received an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for participation in the evacuation of Cambodia (Operation EAGLE PULL), the evacuation of Vietnam (Operation FREQUENT WIND), and the Mayaguez Operation. As no definition of the term "off the coast of Vietnam" was provided, this represents the most logical estimation of that phrase we are able to define.

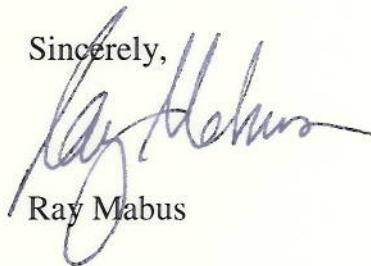
Narrowing the list down to those ships that operated within a closer proximity to the Vietnam mainland requires designating precise latitude and longitude boundaries for the area considered to be off the coast of Vietnam. If those boundaries are established, the deck logs for the ships on the enclosed list might be researched to determine which served within the area defined. The deck logs for Navy ships from 1962 to 1975 are no longer in Navy custody. In accordance with Title 44 requirements, we have transferred those records to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Should the Committee on Veterans Affairs wish to pursue a more in depth study of this matter, it would need to contact that agency.

Also of note in this matter, NARA has built a database of Navy ships that conducted naval gunfire support missions off Vietnam between 1966 and 1973. The Combat Naval Gunfire Support (CONGA) database is accessible online at the NARA website:

<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/fielded-search.jsp?dt=842&cat=WR28&tf=F&bc=,sl>

As always, if I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ray Mabus", written in a cursive style.

Ray Mabus

Enclosure

Copy to:
The Honorable Richard Burr
Ranking Member



ABNAKI	ATF-96
ACME	MSO-508
AGERHOLM	DD-826
AJAX	AR-6
ALAMO	LSD-33
ALBATROSS	MSC-289
ALBERT DAVID	DE-1050
ALDEBARAN	AF-10
ALFRED E. CUNNINGHAM	DD-752
ALLEN M. SUMNER	DD-692
ALUDRA	AF-55
ALVIN C. COCKBELL	DE-366
AMERICA	CVA-66
ANCHORAGE	LSD-36
ALVIN C. COCKBELL	DE-366
ANNAPOLIS	AGMR-1
ANTELOPE	PG-86
APACHE	ATF-67
ARIKARA	ATF-98
ARLINGTON	AGMR-2
ARNOLD J. ISBELL	DD-869
ASHEVILLE	PG-84
ASHTABULA	AO-51
ASKARI	ARL-30
ASPRO	SSN-648
AULT	DD-698
BACHE	DD-470
BADGER	DE-1071
BAINBRIDGE	DLGN-25
BARB	SSN-596
BARBEL	SS-580
BARNEY	DDG-6
BARRY	DDG-933
BASHAW	AGSS-241
BASILONE	DD-824
BAUER	DE-1025
BAUSELL	DD-845
BAYA	AGSS-318
BAYFIELD	APA-33
BEALE	DD-471
BELKNAP	DLG-26
BELLETRIX	AF-62
BELLE GROVE	LSD-2
BENEWAH	APB-35
BENJAMIN STODDERT	DDG-22
BENNER	DD-807
BENNINGTON	CVS-20
BERKELEY	DDG-15
BEXAR	APA-237
BIDDLE	DLG-34
BIGELOW	DDG-942
BLACK	DD-666

BLACKFIN	SS-322
BLAKELY	DE-1072
BLANCO COUNTY	LST-344
BLANDY	DD-943
BLUE	DD-744
BLUE RIDGE	LCC-19
BLUEBACK	SS-581
BLUEGILL	AGSS/SSK-242
BOLSTER	ARS-38
BON HOMME RICHARD	CVA-31
BONEFISH	SS-582
BORDELON	DD-881
BORIE	DD-704
BOSTON	CA-69/CAG-1
BOXER	LPH-4
BOYD	DD-544
BRADLEY	DE-1041
BRAINE	DD-630
BRANNON	DE-446
BREAM	AGSS-243
BRIDGET	DE-1024
BRINKLEY BASS	DD-887
BRISTER	DER-327
BRONSTEIN	DE-1037
BROOKE	DEG-1
BROWNSON	DD-868
BRULE	AKL-28
BRUSH	DD-743
BUCHANAN	DDG-14
BUCK	DD-761
BUGARA	SS-331
BULLOCH COUNTY	LST-509
BUTTE	AE-27
CABILDO	LSD-16
CACAPON	AO-52
CADDO PARRISH	LST-515
CAIMAN	SS-323
CALIENTE	AO-53
CALVERT	APA-32
CAMDEN	AOE-2
CAMP	DER-251
CANBERRA	CAG-2
CANON	PG-90
CAPITAINE	AGSS-336
CARBONERO	SS-337
CAROLINE COUNTY	LST-525
CARPENTER	DD-825
CARRONADE	IFS-1
CARTER HALL	LSD-3
CASTOR	AKS-1
CATAMOUNT	LSD-17
CATFISH	SS-339

CATSKILL	MSC-1
CAVALIER	APA-37
CAYUGA	LST-1186
CHANTICLEER	ASR-7
CHARA	AE-31
CHARLES BERRY	DE-1035
CHARLES E. BRANNON	DE-446
CHARLES H. ROAN	DD-853
CHARLES P. CECIL	DD-835
CHARLES R. WARE	DD-865
CHARLES S. SPERRY	DD-697
CHARLESTON	LKA-113
CHARR	SS-328
CHASE COUNTY	LST-532
CHEMUNG	AO-30
CHESTERFIELD COUNTY	LST-551
CHEVALIER	DD-805
CHICAGO	CG-11
CHIPOLA	AO-63
CHOWONOC	ATF-100
CIMARRON	AO-22
CLARION RIVER	LFR/LSMR-409
CLARKE COUNTY	LST-601
CLAUD JONES	DE-1033
CLEVELAND	LPD-7
COCHRANE	DDG-21
COCHINO COUNTY	LST-603
COCOPA	ATF-101
COGSWELL	DD-651
COHOES	ANL-78
COLAHAN	DD-658
COLLETON	APB-36
COLLETT	DD-730
COLONIAL	LSD-18
COLUMBUS	CG-12
COMSTOCK	LSD-19
CONE	DD-866
CONFLICT	MSO-426
CONQUEST	MSO-488
CONSERVER	ARS-39
CONSTANT	MSO-489
CONSTELLATION	CVA-64
CONWAY	DD-507
CONY	DD-508
COOK	APD-130
COONTZ	DLG-9
CORAL SEA	CVA-43
CORRY	DD-817
COUCAL	ASR-8
COWELL	DD-547
CREE	ATF-84
CROCKETT	PG-88
FECHTELER	DD-870
FINCH	DER-328
FIREDRAKE	AE-14

CURRENT	ARS-22
CURRITUCK	AV-7
CUSK	SS-348
DAHLGREN	DLG-12
DALE	DLG-19
DAMATO	DDE-871
DAVIDSON	DE-1045
DAVIS	DD-937
DECATUR	DDG-31
DEHAVEN	DD-727
DELIVER	ARS-23
DELTA	AR-9
DENNIS J. BUCKLEY	DD-808
DENVER	LPD-9
DESOTO COUNTY	LST-1171
DEWEY	DLG-14
DIACHENCKO	APD-123
DIAMOND HEAD	AE-19
DIODON	SS-340
DIXIE	AD-14
DOUGLAS H. FOX	DD-779
DUBUQUE	LPD-8
DULUTH	LPD-6
DUNCAN	DDR-874
DUPONT	DD-941
DURHAM	LKA-114
DYESS	DDR-880
DYNAMIC	MSO-432
EATON	DD-510
EDMONDS	DE-406
EDSON	DD-946
ELDORADO	AGC-11
ELKHORN	AOG-7
EMBATTLE	MSO-434
ENDURANCE	MSO-435
ENERGY	MSO-436
ENGAGE	MSO-433
ENGLAND	DLG-22
ENHANCE	MSO-437
ENTERPRISE	CVAN-65
EPPERSON	DD-719
EPPING FOREST	LSD-4
ERNEST J. SMALL	DDR-838
ESTEEM	MSO-438
ESTES	AGC-12
EUGENE A. GREENE	DD-711
EVANS	DE-1023
EVERETT F. LARSON	DD-830
EVERSOLE	DD-789
EXCEL	MSO-439
FALGOUT	DER-324
FANNING	DD-1076
GURNARD	SS-662
HADDOCK	SS-621
HALEAKALA	AE-25

FIRM	MSO-444
FISKE	DD-842
FLASHER	SS-249
FLETCHER	DDE-445
FLINT	AE-32
FLORIKAN	ASR-9
FLOYD B. PARKS	DD-884
FLOYD COUNTY	LST-762
FORCE	MSO-445
FORREST ROYAL	DD-872
FORRESTAL	CVA-59
FORSTER	DFR-334
FORT MARION	LSD-22
FORTIFY	MSO-446
FOX	DLG-33
FRANCIS HAMMOND	DE-1067
FRANK E. EVANS	DD-754
FRANK KNOX	DD/DDR-742
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	CVA-42
FRED T. BERRY	DD-858
FREDERICK	LST-1184
FRESNO	LST-1182
FURSE	DD-882
GALLANT	MSO-489
GALLUP	PG-85
GALVESTON	CLG-3
GANNET	MSC-290
GARRETT COUNTY	LST-786
GENESSEE	AOG-8
GEORGE CLYMER	APA-27
GEORGE K. MACKENZIE	DD-836
GLENNON	DD-840
GOLDSBOROUGH	DDG-20
GRAFFIAS	AF-29
GRAPPLE	ARS-7
GRASP	ARS-24
GRAY	DE-1054
GRAYBACK	SS-574
GREAT SITKIN	AE-17
GREENFISH	SS-351
GREENLET	SS-213
GREGORY	DD-802
GRIDLEY	DLG-21
GUADALUPE	AO-32
GUARDFISH	SS-612
GUDGEON	SS-567
GUIDE	MSO-447
GUNSTON HALL	LSD-5
GURKE	DD-783
ISLE ROYAL	AD-29
IWO JIMA	LPH-2
JAMES C. OWENS	DD-776
JAMES E. KYES	DD-787
JAMESTOWN	AGTR-3
JASON	AR-8

HALSEY	DLG-23
HAMNER	DD-718
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY	LST-819
HANCOCK	CVA-19
HANSON	DD-832
HARDER	SS-568
HARNETT COUNTY	LST-821
HAROLD E. HOLT	DE-1074
HAROLD J. ELLISON	DD-864
HARRY E. HUBBARD	DD-748
HARWOOD	DD-861
HASSAYAMPA	AO-145
HAVERFIELD	DER-393
HAWKINS	DD-873
HECTOR	AR-7
HENDERSON	DD-785
HENRICO	APA-45
HENRY B. WILSON	DDG-7
HENRY COUNTY	LST-824
HENRY W. TUCKER	DD-875
HEPBURN	DE-1055
HERBERT J. THOMAS	DD-833
HERMITAGE	LSD-34
HICKMAN COUNTY	LST-825
HIGBEE	DD-806
HISSEM	DER-400
HITCHITI	ATF-103
HOEL	DDG-13
HOLDER	DD-819
HOLLISTER	DD-788
HOLMES COUNTY	LST-836
HOOPER	DE-1026
HOPEWELL	DD-681
HORNE	DLG-30
HORNET	CVS-12
HUGH PURVIS	DD-709
HULL	DD-945
HUNTERDON COUNTY	LST-838
ILLUSIVE	MSO-448
IMPERVIOUS	MSO-449
IMPLICIT	MSO-445
INCHON	LPH-12
INDEPENDENCE	CVA-62
INDRA	ARL-37
INFLICT	MSO-456
INGERSOLL	DD-652
INGRAHAM	DD-694
INTREPID	CVS-11
IREDELL COUNTY	LST-839
LOCKWOOD	DE-1064
LOFBERG	DD-759
LONG BEACH	CGN-9
LOWE	DER-325
LOWRY	DD-770
LOYALTY	MSO-457

JENKINS	DD/E-447
JENNINGS COUNTY	LST-846
JEROME COUNTY	LST-848
JOHN A. BOLE	DD-755
JOHN KING	DDG-3
JOHN PAUL JONES	DDG-32
JOHN R. CRAIG	DD-885
JOHN R. PERRY	DE-1034
JOHN S. MCCAIN	DDG-36
JOHN W. THOMASON	DD-760
JOHN W. WEEKS	DD-701
JOHNSTON	DD-821
JOSEPH HEWES	DE-1078
JOSEPH STRAUSS	DDG-16
JOSPEHUS DANIELS	DLG-27
JOUETT	DLG-29
JUNEAU	LPD-10
JUPITER	AVS-8
KANSAS CITY	AOR-3
KAWISHIWI	AO-146
KEARSARGE	CVS-33
KEMPER COUNTY	LST-854
KENNEBEC	AO-36
KEPLER	DD-765
KILAUEA	AE-26
KING	DLG-10
KIRK	FF-1087
KISHWAUKEE	AOG-9
KISKA	AE-35
KITTY HAWK	CVA-63
KLONDIKE	AR-22
KNOX	DE-1052
KOINER	DER-331
KRETCHMER	DER-329
KRISHNA	ARL-38
LANG	DE-1060
LAWRENCE	DDG-4
LAWS	DD-558
LEADER	MSO-490
LEARY	DD/R-879
LENAWEE	APA-195
LEONARD F. MASON	DD-852
LEXINGTON	CVA-16
LIPAN	ATF-85
LITCHFIELD COUNTY	LST-901
LLOYD THOMAS	DD-764
MONTICELLO	LSD-35
MONTROSE	APA-212
MOORE	DD-741
MORTON	DD-948
MOUNT BAKER	AE-4
MOUNT HOOD	AE-29
MOUNT KATAMAI	AE-16
MOUNT MCKINLEY	AGC-7
MULLANY	DD-528

LUCID	MSO-458
LUZERNE COUNTY	LST-902
LYNDE MCCORMICK	DDG-8
MADDOX	DD-731
MADERA COUNTY	LST-905
MAGOFFIN	APA-199
MAHAN	DLG-11
MAHNOMEN COUNTY	LST-912
MAHOPAC	ATA-196
MANATEE	AO-58
MANITOWOC	LST-1180
MANLEY	DD-940
MANSFIELD	DD-728
MARATHON	PG-89
MARIAS	AO-57
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MARSH	DE-699
MARVIN SHIELDS	DE-1066
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MATHEWS	AKA-96
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MAURY	AGS-16
MAZAMA	AE-9
MCCAFFERY	DD-860
MCDERMUT	DD-677
MCGINTY	DE-365
MCKEAN	DD-784
MCMORRIS	DE-1036
MEDREGAL	SS-480
MEEKER COUNTY	LST-980
MENHADEN	SS-377
MERCER	AFB-39
MEREDITH	DD-890
MERRICK	AKA-97
MEYERKORD	DE-1058
MIDWAY	CVA-41
MILWAUKEE	AOR-2
MISPILLION	AO-105
MOBILE	LKA-115
MOCTOBI	ATF-105
MOLALA	ATF-106
MONMOUTH COUNTY	LST-1032
PAUL	DE-1080
PAUL REVERE	APA-248
PEACOCK	MSC-198
PEORIA	LST-1183
PERCH	SS-313
PERKINS	DD-877
PERMIT	SSN-594
PERRY	DD-844
PERSISTENT	MSO-491

MULLINIX	DD-944
MUNSEE	ATF-107
MYLES C FOX	DD-829
NAVARRO	APA-215
NAVASOTA	AO-106
NECHES	AO-47
NEW	DD-818
NEW JERSEY	BB-62
NEW LONDON COUNTY	LST-1066
NEW ORLEANS	LPH-11
NEWELL	DER-322
NEWMAN K PERRY	DD-883
NEWPORT NEWS	CA-148
NIAGARA FALLS	AFS-3
NICHOLAS	FFG-47
NITRO	AE-23
NOA	DD-841
NORRIS	DD-859
NOXUBEE	AOG-56
NUECES	APB-40
NYE COUNTY	LST-1067
O'BANNON	DD-450
O'BRIEN	DD-725
O'CALLAHAN	DE-1051
O'HARE	DD-889
OAK HILL	LSD-7
OGDEN	LPD-5
OKANOGAN	APA-220
OKINAWA	LPH-3
OKLAHOMA CITY	CLG-5
OPPORTUNE	ARS-41
ORISKANY	CVA-34
ORLECK	DD-856
OUELLET	DE-1077
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY	LST-1073
OXFORD	AGTR-1
OZBOURN	DD-846
PAGE COUNTY	LST-1076
PARICUTIN	AE-18
PARK COUNTY	LST-1077
PARSONS	DD-949/DDG-33
PASSUMPSIC	AO-107
PATAPSCO	AOG-1
RAZORBACK	SS-394
READY	PG-87
REAPER	MSO-467
REASONER	FF-1063
RECLAIMER	ARS-42
REDFISH	SS-395
REEVES	DLG-24
REGULUS	AP-57
REHOBOTH	AGS-50
REMORA	SS-487
RENSHAW	DD-499
RENVILLE	APA-227

PHILIP	DD-498
PHOEBE	MSC-199
PICKAWAY	APA-222
PICKEREL	SS-524
PICKING	DD-685
PICTOR	AF-54
PIEDMONT	AD-17
PINE ISLAND	AV-12
PITKIN COUNTY	LST-1082
PIVOT	MSO-463
PLATTE	AO-24
PLEDGE	MSO-402
PLUCK	MSO-464
PLUNGER	SSN-595
POGY	SSN-647
POINT DEFIANCE	LSD-31
POLK COUNTY	LST-1084
POLLUX	AKS-4
POMFRET	SS-301
PONCHATOULA	AO-148
PORTERFIELD	DD-682
POWER	DD-839
PRAIRIE	AD-15
PREBLE	DLG-15
PRESTON	DD-795
PRICHETT	DD-561
PRIME	MSO-466
PRINCETON	LPH-5
PROCYON	AF-61
PROVIDENCE	CLG-6
PUFFER	SSN-652
PULASKI COUNTY	LST-1088
PYRO	AE-24
QUAPAW	ATF-110
QUEENFISH	SS-393
RACINE	LST-1191
RADFORD	DD-446
RAINIER	AE-5
RAMSEY	DEG-2
RANGER	CVA-61
RASHER	SS-269
RATHBURNE	DE-1057
RATON	AGSS-270
SCULPIN	SSN-590
SEADRAGON	SSN-584
SEAFOX	SS-402
SEDGWICK COUNTY	LST-1123
SEGUNDO	SS-398
SEMINOLE	AKA-104
SERRANO	AGS-24
SHAKORI	ATF-162
SHANGRI-LA	CVA-38
SHARK	SSN-591
SHASTA	AE-6
SHELDRAKE	AGS-19

REPOSE	AH-16
RICH	DD-820
RICHARD B ANDERSON	DD-786
RICHARD E KRAUS	DD-849
RICHARD S EDWARDS	DD-950
RICHMOND K TURNER	DLG-20
ROARK	DE-1053
ROBERT H MCCARD	DD-822
ROBERT K HUNTINGTON	DD-781
ROBERT L WILSON	DD-847
ROBISON	DDG-12
ROCK	AGSS-274
ROGERS	DD-876
RONQUIL	SS-396
ROWAN	DD-782
RUPERTUS	DD-851
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SACRAMENTO	AOE-1
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SAILFISH	SS-572
SALISBURY SOUND	AV-13
SALMON	SS-573
SAMPLE	DE-1048
SAMUEL B ROBERTS	DD-823
SAMUEL GOMPERS	AD-37
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SANTA BARBARA	AE-28
SARATOGA	CVA-60
SARGO	SS-583
SARSFIELD	DD-837
SATYR	ARL-23
SAVAGE	DER-386
SAVANNAH	AOR-4
SCAMP	SSN-588
SCHENECTADY	LST-1185
SCHOFIELD	DEG-3
TAWASA	ATF-92
TAYLOR	DD-468
TECUMSEH	SSBN-628
TERRELL COUNTY	LST-1157
THEODORE E CHANDLER	DD-717
THOMASTON	LSD-28
THUBAN	AKA-19
TICONDEROGA	CVA-14
TILLAMOOK	ATA-192
TINGEY	DD-539
TIOGA COUNTY	LST-1158
TIRU	SS-416
TOLOVANA	AO-64
TOM GREEN COUNTY	LST-1159
TOMBIGBEE	AOG-11

SHELTON	DD-790
SHIOUX	ATF-75
SKAGIT	AKA-105
SNOHOMISH COUNTY	LST-1126
SNOOK	SSN-592
SOMERS	DD-947/DDG-34
SOUTHERLAND	DD-743
SPHINX	ARL-24
SPINAX	SS-489
SPROSTON	DD-577
ST CLAIR COUNTY	LST-1096
ST FRANCIS RIVER	LSMR/LFR-525
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ST PAUL	CA-73
STEINAKER	DD-863
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STERLET	SS-392
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TAWAKONI	ATF-114
WALLACE L LIND	DD-703
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WALTON	DE-361
WANDANK	ATA-204
WARBLER	MSC-206
WARRINGTON	DD-843
WASHBURN	AKA-108
WASHOE COUNTY	LST-1165
WASHTENAW COUNTY	LST-1166
WEDDERBURN	DD-684
WEISS	APD-135
WELCH	PG-93
WESTCHESTER COUNTY	LST-1167
WEXFORD COUNTY	LST-1168
WHETSTONE	LSD-27

