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RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH LT [redacted]

On or about 17 October 2000, LT [redacted] Navigator onboard USS COLE (DDG 67), was interviewed by LT [redacted] The following information was ascertained regarding the events surrounding the Brief Stop for Fuel (BSF) by the USS COLE on 12 OCT 00 in Aden Harbor, Yemen.

Chart 62098, used by LT [redacted] to plot the entering port track, denoted a final fix (12-47'58"N 044-58'55"E) at 0850 after mooring alongside Refueling Dolphin 7 at 0849 [encls(chart),(deck log)]. The refueling dolphin is not depicted on the chart, nor is the ship's heading recorded with the ship's position on the chart.

The Navigation brief for 12 October 00, section VII. (Docking) does not provide information regarding the berth, current, and pier heading. Additionally, Section X. (Navigation Equipment) does not delineate if any equipment was down. [encls(NAV BRIEF)]

During the course of discussion, LT [redacted] loosely drew the location of the dolphin in next to the ship's final fix. She said that the ship's heading was approximately 250° Mag or True (magnetic variation is 1°20' for the year 2000, per chart); this was unable to be determined by ship's equipment due to permanent power loss from the explosion. She also stated that for entering port on 12 October 00, the current was negligible and required no correction, that the dolphin is not a berth, there is no pier heading provided, and zero navigational equipment was down.

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