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Subj: DAMAGE CONTROL IN USS COLE (DDG 67)

Ref: (a) CINCLANTFLT ltr 5800 Ser N02L/276 of 7 Dec 00
(b) COMNAVSURFLANT ltr 5830 Ser N002L of 8 Dec 00
(c) JAGMAN

1. Pursuant to references (a) and (b), you are appointed to assist in the conduct of an inquiry into damage control training and performance in USS COLE. This inquiry is not being conducted as a formal investigation under any provision of reference (c).

2. This inquiry will focus on the performance of the ship's damage control team in response to the damage caused by the attack against USS COLE on 12 October 2000. In addition, it will examine USS COLE's damage control training program (to include qualifications and training exercise performance) in the Inter-deployment Training Cycle and deployment period leading up to the attack. Further, it will comment on the adequacy and performance of USS COLE installed damage control equipment.

3. This inquiry will also identify instances of exemplary personal performance in damage control following the attack. In addition, it will include comments on lessons learned.

4. All personal notes and other administrative materials will become part of the inquiry record.

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Enclosure (2)