

ALL HANDS ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR A KNOWLEDGE OF AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE PLAN OF THE DAY FOR THURSDAY 23MAR72 (JULIAN DATE:2083)FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

SHIP'S ROUTINE: CARRY OUT NORMAL INPORT ROUTINE WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION

- 0740 - QUARTERS FOR MUSTER
- 0745 - OFFICER'S CALL
- 0800 - COMMENCE FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY
- 0930 - STATION THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL
- 0930 - COMM CHECKS
- 1000 - UNDERWAY - CREW AT DIVISIONAL QUARTERS
- 1130 - SHIFT COLORS TO THE AT SEA POSITION
- 1345 - MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR PHOTEX
- 1400 - PHOTEX/MISCEX 1
- 1900 - EWX 31
- - NIGHT STEAM

SHIP'S NOTES:

1. THE UNIFORM FOR GETTING UNDERWAY WILL BE: OFFICERS/CPOS - SERVICE DRESS BLUES E-6 AND BELOW - SERVICE DRESS BLUES

2. THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE PHOTEX AT 1400

1. ENSIGN IN SEA POSITION, 2. NATO FLAG FLYING, 3. GARBAGE CHUTES REMOVED, 4. SHOW MISSILE UP, 5. ALL DOORS ON WEATHER DECKS SECURED, 6. PERSONNEL OFF THE MAIN DECKS.

3. THE PRESIDENT SIGNED THE PROCLAMATION FOR "NATIONAL WEEK OF CONCERN FOR AMERICANS WHO ARE PRISONERS OF WAR OR MISSING IN ACTION" ON 10 MAR 72. 1,623 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN AND SOME 50 US CIVILIANS ARE NOW EITHER MISSING IN ACTION OR BEING HELD CAPTIVE BY NORTH VIETNAM AND ITS ALLIES. AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, THE FIRST MEN TO BE TAKEN PRISONER WILL BEGIN THEIR NINTH YEAR IN CAPTIVITY. THIS IS THE LONGEST INTERNMENT EVER ENDURED BY AMERICAN FIGHTING MEN: IT IS ALSO ONE OF THE MOST BRUTAL. THE POW/MIA STORY OF THIS LONG AND DIFFICULT WAR IS A TRAGIC ONE. THE ENEMY CONTINUES ADAMANT IN HIS REFUSAL EVEN TO IDENTIFY ALL THE AMERICANS BEING HELD. HE CONTINUES TO FLOUT THE GENEVA PRISONER OF WAR CONVENTION WHICH ESTABLISHES MINIMUM HUMANE STANDARDS FOR TREATMENT OF PRISONERS--A TREATY TO WHICH NORTH VIETNAM IS A SIGNATORY, JUST AS ARE SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE UNITED STATES AND 128 OTHER NATIONS. HE CONTINUES TO BLOCK IMPARTIAL INSPECTION OF THE PRISON CAMPS. HE CONTINUES TO DENY REPAIRIATION FOR SERIOUSLY SICK AND WOUNDED PRISONERS. HE CONTINUES TO IGNORE THE PRISONERS' RIGHT TO REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE WITH THEIR FAMILIES. AND SO THOSE FAMILIES SUFFER IN SPIRIT HARDLY LESS THAN THEIR MEN SUFFER IN THE FLESH. THEY LIVE IN A NIGHTMARE OF UNREMITTING ANGUISH AND KNAWING CONCERN. MANY CANNOT EVEN KNOW WHETHER THEIR LOVED ONES ARE STILL ALIVE: THOSE WHO DO KNOW THIS MUCH, MUST LIVE WITH THEIR ADDITIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE CRUEL CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE PRISONERS EXIST. EACH NEW CHAPTER IN THIS OUTRAGE HAS STIFFENED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S DETERMINATION TO SEE JUSTICE DONE. WE HAVE STOOD AND WILL CONTINUE TO STAND UNITED AS A NATION IN OUR CONCERN AND COMPASSION FOR THE PRISONERS AND MISSING MEN. WE MEAN TO SEE THIS MATTER THROUGH. CONCERN FOR THE PRISONERS' PLIGHT, MOREOVER, HAS SPREAD TO THE PEOPLE OF GOODWILL AROUND THE WORLD--AND WE MAY BE CONFIDENT THAT THEIR HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS, THROUGH SO FAR REBUFFED AS CALLOUSLY AS OUR OWN, WILL STILL CONTINUE AS STEADFASTLY AS OUR OWN. THE UNITED STATES HAS SPARED NO EFFORT--BY DIPLOMACY, BY NEGOTIATION, BY EVERY OTHER MEANS--TO SECURE FAIR TREATMENT OF OUR CAPTIVE SONS AND BROTHERS AND TO OBTAIN THEIR ULTIMATE FREEDOM. AS WE SET ASIDE A SPECIAL WEEK OF NATIONAL CONCERN FOR THIS CONTINUING TRAGEDY, AND A SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR ITS RESOLUTION

WE DO SO WITH A DETERMINATION TO PERSIST IN THIS EFFORT -- FOR PRINCIPLE, FOR PEACE, FOR THE SAKE OF THESE BRAVE MEN AND THEIR PARENTS AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND WIVES AND THE CHILDREN SOME HAVE NEVER SEEN. NOW THEREFORE I, RICHARD NIXON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS REQUESTED BY THE CONGRESS IN SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 189, DO HEREBY DESIGNATE THE PERIOD OF MARCH 26 THROUGH APRIL 1, 1972 AS NATIONAL WEEK OF CONCERN FOR PRISONERS OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION, AND SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 1972, AS A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LIVES AND SAFETY OF THESE MEN. I CALL UPON ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO OBSERVE THIS WEEK WITH SUCH APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES AS WILL STIR AND SUSTAIN WIDE-SPREAD CONCERN FOR THE MISSING MEN AND PRISONERS, NOURISH THE PATIENT COURAGE OF THEIR LOVED ONES, AND--ABOVE ALL-- HASTEN THE DAY OF THEIR SAFE RETURN TO HOME AND FREEDOM. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND THIS TENTH DAY OF MARCH, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO, AND OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SIXTH. SIGNED RICHARD NIXON."



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