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FOURTH ENDORSEMENT on subject record

From: Chief of Naval Personnel
To: Chief of Naval Operations
Via: (1) Commander, Naval Ship Systems Command
(2) Commander, Naval Communications Command

Subj: Record of Proceedings, Court of Inquiry to inquire into the
circumstances surrounding the armed attack on USS LIBERTY
(AGTR-5) on 8 June 1967

1. Forwarded.
2. The subject record of proceedings disclosed that the USS LIBERTY, while engaged in peaceful operations in international waters of the Eastern Mediterranean, was subjected to an entirely unprovoked and unexpected armed attack by Israeli aircraft and motor torpedo boats. The attack resulted in 34 deaths and 171 injuries to personnel on board LIBERTY, and an estimated cost in excess of five million dollars to effect repairs of damage to the ship and equipment.
3. The Judge Advocate General commented that "the Israeli Government has admitted that this was a tragic accident and has agreed to make amends." Also the Judge Advocate General opined that the 34 deaths were not due to the intent, fault or negligence of anyone in the U.S. Naval Service, and that all injuries of personnel embarked in LIBERTY which resulted from the armed attack were sustained in-line-of-duty and not due to misconduct.
4. No one was designated a party to this inquiry. No disciplinary action was recommended, and none is contemplated by the Chief of Naval Personnel.

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By direction

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