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1. Command Composition and Organization:

Mission: AAW and ASW with secondary mission areas in ASUW, ELW, and CCC.

Commander: CDR Richard D. Uyak, USN

Homeport: Mayport, FL

Aircraft: Embarked two (2) SH-60B LAMPS MK III Helicopters from HSL-44

2. (C) Chronology of significant events:

01JAN-10JAN/ INPORT MAYPORT, FL
11JAN-12JAN/ U/W WEEK ONE WORK UPS W/ HSL-44 DET-2
11JAN-12JAN/ CDS 8 60 DAY PRE-OPPE ASSESSMENT
13JAN-16JAN/ ENR GTMO
16JAN-04FEB/ GTMO REFTRA
16JAN-16JAN/ AWARDS CEREMONY
04FEB-08FEB/ ENR MAYPORT
04FEB-08FEB/ CDS 8 30 DAY PRE-OPPE ASSESSMENT
07FEB-07FEB/ DLQ'S/RLQ'S
08FEB-08MAR/ UPK MYPT
12FEB-06MAR/ EMBK CDS 24
13FEB-03MAR/ CSTG VISIT
06MAR-08MAR/ 20BJ VAN
09MAR-09MAR/ SLAMEX 19-95
10MAR-15MAR/ UPK MYPT
10MAR-13MAR/ 20BJ VAN
13MAR-14MAR/ NGFS TRAINING TEAM VST
16MAR-17MAR/ U/W JAX OPAREA
18MAR-28MAR/ IPT MYPT OPPE PREPS
29MAR-31MAR/ U/W OPPE
31MAR-23APR/ UPK MYPT
03APR-12APR/ CSLTT VISIT
12APR-12APR/ ATO DOWNLOAD
19APR-20APR/ CMTQ
19APR-19APR/ TYCOMMEX
21APR-21APR/ MSL ONLOAD
23APR-31DEC/ EMBK ITALIAN OFFICER, 2 CPOS
24APR-08MAY/ U/W COMPTUEX
24APR-24APR/ PACFIRE 76MM/CWIS
24APR-24APR/ TACAN CERTIFICATION
24APR-24APR/ EMBK HSL-44 DET-2
25APR-30APR/ ASW EXERCISE
27APR-27APR/ RAS USNS JOHN LENTHAL
29APR-02MAY/ AAW EXERCISE
01MAY-01MAY/ VERTREP USS BUTTE

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02MAY-02MAY/ AAW MISSILEX
03MAY-03MAY/ HARPOONEX
05MAY-05MAY/ TORPEX
07MAY-07MAY/ STEEL BEACH PICNIC
08MAY-12MAY/ PVST ST. MAARTEN (ANCHOR)
12MAY-23MAY/ U/W
14MAY-14MAY/ AAW EX
15MAY-15MAY/ NGFS
15MAY-15MAY/ CCG-6 VISIT
15MAY-15MAY/ EW JAMEX
20MAY-20MAY/ HELO TORPEX
23MAY-26MAY/ UPK MYPT
26MAY-26MAY/ XST ST JOHNS RIVER TO JAX
26MAY-30MAY/ IPT JAX
30MAY-30MAY/ XST ST JOHNS RIVER TO MYPT
30MAY-06JUL/ UPK MYPT
05JUN-16JUN/ CSRR
06JUN-07JUN/ ESI
06JUL-24JUL/ U/W JTFEX
08JUL-08JUL/ BOARDX
08JUL-09JUL/ ASWEX
11JUL-11JUL/ RAS USS MONONGAHELA
14JUL-14JUL/ RAS USS MONONGAHELA
19JUL-19JUL/ RAS USS MONONGAHELA
24JUL-01AUG/ UPK MYPT
24JUL-01AUG/ CSRR
01AUG-03AUG/ U/W HURRICANE EVASION SORTIE
03AUG-28AUG/ UPK/POM MYPT
28AUG-10SEP/ U/W MEDITERRANEAN DEPLOYMENT
29AUG-29AUG/ RAS USS MERRIMACK
30AUG-30AUG/ RAS USS MONONGAHELA
30AUG-30AUG/ HSL-44 DET-2 FLY-ON
31AUG-31AUG/ SAFETY STAND-DOWN
01SEP-01SEP/ QUICKDRAW 76MM/CWIS/.50 CAL MG
02SEP-02SEP/ QUICKDRAW 76MM/CWIS/.50 CAL MG
02SEP-02SEP/ RAS USS MONONGAHELA
03SEP-03SEP/ QUICKDRAW 76MM/CWIS/.50 CAL MG
04SEP-04SEP/ PASSEX
05SEP-05SEP/ PASSEX
05SEP-06SEP/ ENCOUNTEREX
06SEP-06SEP/ RAS USS MONONGAHELA
07SEP-07SEP/ TRANSIT STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR
08SEP-08SEP/ CHOP TO CTF 60
08SEP-08SEP/ T/O USS HAWES
09SEP-09SEP/ RAS USNS KANAWHA
10SEP-14SEP/ PVST PALMA SPAIN (PIERSIDE)
15SEP-22SEP/ U/W EXERCISE ATLAS HINGE
16SEP-16SEP/ ENCOUNTEREX

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18SEP-18SEP/ RAS USNS KANAWHA
18SEP-18SEP/ WASEX
20SEP-20SEP/ VST BY C6FLT
21SEP-21SEP/ TOW LARNE TARGET
22SEP-29SEP/ U/W TRANSIT
22SEP-22SEP/ RAS USNS KANAWHA
24SEP-24SEP/ STEEL BEACH PICNIC
24SEP-24SEP/ TRANSIT STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR
25SEP-25SEP/ AWARDS CEREMONY
29SEP-30SEP/ PVST PORTSMOUTH UNITED KINGDOM (PIERSIDE)
30SEP-02OCT/ U/W TRANSIT
02OCT-14OCT/ PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE EXERCISE COOPERATIVE JAGUAR
02OCT-07OCT/ IPT PHASE COOPERATIVE JAGUAR FREDRICKSHAVN DENMARK
(ANCHOR)
03OCT-14OCT/ EMBK FINNISH OFFICER, BRITISH OFFICER
03OCT-03OCT/ COMMEX
03OCT-03OCT/ PLOTTINGEX
04OCT-04OCT/ COMMEX
04OCT-04OCT/ PLOTTINGEX
04OCT-04OCT/ FIREFIGHTING DEMOS
05OCT-05OCT/ COMMEX
05OCT-05OCT/ PLOTTINGEX
06OCT-06OCT/ COMMEX
06OCT-06OCT/ PLOTTINGEX
07OCT-07OCT/ SPORTS DAY
08OCT-12OCT/ U/W PHASE COOPERATIVE JAGUAR
08OCT-11OCT/ DIVTACS
09OCT-09OCT/ GUNEX
09OCT-09OCT/ COORDINATED ANCHORAGE
10OCT-10OCT/ PEACEKEEPINGEX
11OCT-11OCT/ BOARDINGEX
11OCT-11OCT/ VST BY VIPS
12OCT-13OCT/ IPT OUTBRIEF AARHUS DENMARK (PIERSIDE)
12OCT-12OCT/ NAVY BIRTHDAY RECEPTION
14OCT-19OCT/ U/W TRANSIT
17OCT-17OCT/ PASSEX
17OCT-17OCT/ ENCOUNTEREX
19OCT-22OCT/ PVST LISBON PORTUGAL (PIERSIDE)
22OCT-28OCT/ U/W TRANSIT
23OCT-23OCT/ TRANSIT STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR
28OCT-28OCT/ RAS USNS KANAWHA
28OCT-01NOV/ U/W WITH USA BATGRU
30OCT-30OCT/ QUICKDRAW 76MM/CWIS/.50 CAL MG
31OCT-31OCT/ QUICKDRAW 76MM/CWIS/.50 CAL MG
01NOV-02NOV/ U/W EXERCISE JUNIPER HAWK
01NOV-02NOV/ CV ESCORT/PLANE GUARD DUTY
03NOV-07NOV/ U/W EXERCISE INFINITE COURAGE
06NOV-06NOV/ MISSILEX SM-1 FIRING

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07NOV-07NOV/ RAS USNS KANAWHA
08NOV-10NOV/ U/W TRANSIT
10NOV-13NOV/ U/W EXERCISE BRIGHT STAR
10NOV-13NOV/ EMBK EGYPTIAN OFFICER
10NOV-10NOV/ RAS FS VAR
10NOV-10NOV/ AAWEX
11NOV-12NOV/ TOW LARNE TARGET
13NOV-17NOV/ U/W TRANSIT
14NOV-14NOV/ RAS USNS KANAWHA
15NOV-27NOV/ EMBK 2 ALBANIAN OFFICERS
16NOV-16NOV/ PASSEX
17NOV-24NOV/ PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE EXERCISE COOPERATIVE MERMAID-
CLASSICA
17NOV-22NOV/ IPT PHASE COOPERATIVE MERMAID-CLASSICA LA SPEZIA
ITALY (MED MOORED)
20NOV-20NOV/ PLOTTINGEX
20NOV-20NOV/ COMMEX
20NOV-20NOV/ SURFACE PICTURE
21NOV-21NOV/ COMMEX
21NOV-21NOV/ SURFACE PICTURE
22NOV-24NOV/ U/W PHASE COOPERATIVE MERMAID-CLASSICA
22NOV-23NOV/ DIVTACS
23NOV-23NOV/ RAS ITS VESUVIO
23NOV-24NOV/ SCREENEX
24NOV-25NOV/ IPT OUTBRIEF LA SPEZIA ITALY (PIERSIDE)
25NOV-29NOV/ U/W TRANSIT
25NOV-25NOV/ PASSEX
29NOV-03DEC/ IPT TRIESTE ITALY (PIERSIDE)
30NOV-30NOV/ T/O CONFERENCE (SHARP GUARD DUTIES) USS BOONE
04DEC-06DEC/ U/W OTRANTO OPERATION AREA
04DEC-06DEC/ EXERCISE WITH CTF 440
07DEC-07DEC/ CHOP TO NATO SNFM CTF 440
07DEC-07DEC/ RAS USNS JOHN LENTHALL
07DEC-10DEC/ IPT CORFU GREECE (ANCHOR)
10DEC-16DEC/ U/W OPERATION SHARP GUARD
11DEC-11DEC/ CONDUCTED FIRST QUERY OF MERCHANT VESSEL IN SUPPORT
OF OPERATION SHARP GUARD
13DEC-13DEC/ VERTREP USNS SATURN
14DEC-14DEC/ RAS USNS LEROY GRUMMAN
16DEC-18DEC/ U/W TRANSIT
18DEC-28DEC/ IPT VILLEFRANCHE FRANCE (MOORED TO BOUY)
19DEC-20DEC/ SAFETY STAND-DOWN
20DEC-22DEC/ PQS STAND-DOWN
28DEC-29DEC/ U/W TRANSIT
30DEC-31DEC/ U/W OPERATION SHARP GUARD

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NARRATIVE

DE WERT began 1995 inport Mayport, Florida. On 11 January 1995, DE WERT was underway for work ups with HSL-44 DET-2, and was given a COMDESRON EIGHT 60 day Pre-OPPE assesement. On 13 January 1995, DE WERT had a BSF in Mayport, dropped off the Engineering Assessment Team, then departed for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. DE WERT underwent refresher training from 16 January 1995 through 04 February 1995. DE WERT again embarked the Engineering Assessment Team for a COMDESRON EIGHT 30 day Pre-OPPE assessment held during the transit back to Mayport, Florida. Enroute, the ship conducted RLQs and DLQs.

DE WERT remained inport Mayport for upkeep 08 February 1995 through 08 March 1995, and embarked COMDESRON TWENTY FOUR 12 February 1995 through 06 March 1995. The ship conducted Combat Systems training with the 20BJ van from 06 March 1995 to 08 March 1995. DE WERT was underway in the JAXOPAREA from 08 March 1995 through 10 March 1995, participating in a SLAMEX, then returned to Mayport for the period 10 March 1995 to 15 March 1995, again training with the 20BJ van from 10 March 1995 to 13 March 1995. While inport, the ship was visited by the NGFS Training Team. DE WERT was again underway in the JAXOPAREA on 16 March 1995 and 17 March 1995, returning to port on 18 March 1995 and remaining in Mayport until 28 March 1995 performing OPPE preparations. DE WERT completed the underway portion of OPPE from 29 March 1995 to 31 March 1995, and achieved an overall score of "Excellent."

DE WERT spent the period 31 March 1995 to 23 April 1995 in an upkeep period in Mayport, Florida. CSLTT visited the ship 03 April 1995 to 12 April 1995. On 12 April 1995 the ship performed an ATO download. An extremely successful CMTQ was held 19 April 1995 to 20 April 1995. Also on 19 April 1995, DE WERT participated in a TYCOMMEX. On 21 April 1995, the ship performed a missile onload, pierside Mayport, FL.

On 23 April 1995, DE WERT embarked three Italian Naval personnel for a one year tour. The Italian contingent consisted of one officer, assigned as Assistant Navigator, and two Chief Petty Officers: one Electrician and one Electronics Technician.

DE WERT was underway for COMPTUEX with the USS AMERICA Battle Group from 24 April 1995 to 08 May 1995. On 24 May 1995 the ship successfully completed TACAN certification, conducted a 76MM and CWIS PACFIRE, and embarked HSL-44 DET-2. The ship was involved in an intensive ASW exercise from 25 April 1995 to 02 May 1995.

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On 01 May 1995 DE WERT conducted an ammunition VERTREP with USS BUTTE. DE WERT fired two SM-1 missiles on 02 May 1995 during an AAW exercise. The ship conducted a HARPOON firing on 03 May 1995, scoring a direct hit. A TORPEX on 05 May 1995 resulted in two successful firings. On 07 May 1995 DE WERT held a steel beach picnic.

DE WERT enjoyed a brief port visit to the Caribbean island of St. Maarten, anchoring 08 May 1995 and departing to rejoin the USA Battle Group 12 May 1995. On 14 May 1995 the ship participated in an AAWEX. On 15 May 1995 DE WERT conducted an NGFS exercise off the coast of Vieques Island. Witnessing the exercise was COMCARGRU SIX, who embarked for the day. Also on 15 July 1995, the ship participated in an EW JAMEX. COMPTUEX ended 20 May 1995 with a HELO TORPEX. DE WERT spent 20 May 1995 to 23 May 1995 in transit to Mayport, Florida.

23 May 1995 to 26 May 1995 were spent in Mayport. DE WERT transited the St. Johns River to downtown Jacksonville, Florida, on 26 May 1995. DE WERT remained in Jacksonville until 30 May 1995, hosting over 500 visitors. The ship transited back down the St. Johns River to Mayport Naval Station on 30 May 1995.

DE WERT remained in Mayport for upkeep during the period 30 May 1995 to 06 July 1995. A CSRR was held 05 June 1995 to 16 June 1995. ESI was held 06 June 1995 to 07 June 1995.

DE WERT returned to sea again with the USS AMERICA Battle Group for JTFEX during the period 06 July 1995 to 24 July 1995. On 08 July 1995 the ship performed a BOARDDEX. From 08 July 1995 to 09 July 1995, the ship engaged in an ASW exercise. DE WERT conducted RAS with USS MONONGAHELA on 11 July 1995, 14 July 1995, and again on 19 July 1995. DE WERT returned to Mayport, Florida, on 24 July 1995.

DE WERT began a POM period 24 July 1995. A CSRR was again conducted beginning on 24 July 1995. The POM period and CSRR were interrupted on 01 August 1995, as DE WERT got underway for a Hurricane Evasion Sortie. DE WERT returned to port 03 August 1995. The ship remained in port for upkeep until 28 August 1995.

DE WERT deployed to the Mediterranean Sea with the USS AMERICA battle group on 28 August 1995. During the trans-Atlantic crossing, the ship conducted RAS with USS MERRIMACK on 29 August 1995 and USS MONONGAHELA on 30 August 1995. HSL-44 DET-2 conducted their fly-on to DE WERT 30 August 1995. The ship

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held a safety stand-down on 31 August 1995. DE WERT participated in QUICKDRAW exercises on 01 September 1995, 02 September 1995, and 03 September 1995, successfully firing 76MM, CIWS, and .50 CAL MGs. Also on 02 September 1995 DE WERT conducted RAS with USS MONONGAHELA. DE WERT conducted a PASSEX with French ships on 04 September 1995, and with Spanish ships on 05 September 1995. DE WERT participated in an ENCOUNTEREX from 05 September 1995 to 06 September 1995. The ship conducted RAS with USS MONONGAHELA on 06 September 1995.

DE WERT transited the Straits of Gibraltar on 07 September 1995. The ship chopped to CTF 60 on 08 September 1995, and conducted an at-sea turn over with USS HAWES. After a RAS with USNS KANAWHA on 09 September 1995, DE WERT had a port visit to Palma de Majorca, Spain, from 10 September 1995 to 14 September 1995. DE WERT participated in the amphibious exercise Atlas Hinge from 15 September 1995 to 22 September 1995. Included was an ENCOUNTEREX with the submarine USS ARCHERFISH on 16 September 1995, RAS with USNS KANAWHA on 18 September 1995, and a WASEX with Tunisian ships on 18 September 1995. On 21 September 1995, the ship towed the LARNE target for firing exercises by SEA COBRA helicopters and AV-8B HARRIER jets from USS WASP. COMSIXTHFLT visited DE WERT on 20 September 1995.

DE WERT transited to Portsmouth, United Kingdom, 22 September 1995 to 29 September 1995, refueling from USNS KANAWHA on 22 September 1995. The ship held a steel beach picnic on 24 September 1995, and transited back through the Straits of Gibraltar later that day. An awards ceremony was held on 25 September 1995. The ship arrived in Portsmouth on 29 September 1995 and departed on 30 September 1995, enroute to Fredrickshavn, Denmark, via the North and Baltic Seas.

The ship arrived in Fredrickshavn on 02 October 1995 for participation in Cooperative Jaguar. This was a NATO sponsored Partnership For Peace (PFP) exercise, in which DE WERT was the sole U.S. participant. Other nations represented were: United Kingdom, France, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, and Poland. The exercise lasted until 14 October 1995. The inport phase, in Fredrickshavn, was held 02 October 1995 to 07 October 1995. DE WERT embarked observers from United Kingdom and Finland for the duration of the exercise. COMDEX and PLOTTINGEX were held 03 October 1995, 04 October 1995, 05 October 1995, and 06 October 1995. There was also a fire fighting demonstration on 04 October 1995. A sports day for all participants was held on 07 October 1995. Visitors

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from many of the other participating ships toured DE WERT during the inport phase.

The at sea phase of Cooperative Jaguar was 08 October 1995 to 12 October 1995. The participants conducted DIVTACS on 08 October 1995, 09 October 1995, 10 October 1995, and 11 October 1995. A 76MM gunshoot was conducted 09 October 1995. A coordinated anchorage was performed on the evening of 09 OCT 95. PEACEKEEPINGEX was held 10 October 1995. The participants anchored near Aarhus, Denmark, 11 October 1995, and conducted BOARDINGEX and hosted VIP visitors. Participants entered Aarhus, Denmark, on 12 October 1995 for outbrief. DE WERT hosted a Navy Birthday reception on 13 October 1995. The ship departed Aarhus 14 October 1995.

DE WERT was in transit to Lisbon, Portugal, 14 October 1995 to 19 October 1995. The ship conducted an ENCOUNTEREX and PASSEX with a French ship on 17 October 1995. DE WERT was pierside in Lisbon from 19 October 1995 to 22 October 1995.

Departing Lisbon 22 October 1995, the ship again transited the Straits of Gibraltar 23 October 1995. DE WERT conducted RAS with USNS KANAWHA on 28 October 1995, and rejoined the USS AMERICA battle group the same day. QUICKDRAW firings of 76MM, CIWS, and .50 CAL MGs were held on 30 October 1995 and 31 October 1995. DE WERT was assigned plane guard and carrier escort duties 01 November 1995 to 02 November 1995 for the duration of exercise Juniper Hawk.

DEWERT participated in exercise Infinite Courage 03 November 1995 to 07 November 1995. On 06 November 1995, DE WERT was a participant in MISSILEX. The ship shot an SM-1 warshot, scoring a direct kill on the target. RAS was conducted with USNS KANAWHA 07 November 1995. DE WERT was in transit 08 November 1995 to 10 November 1995.

DE WERT was a participant in Exercise Bright Star 10 November 1995 to 13 November 1995. Egyptian observers were embarked for the exercise. On 10 November 1995 the ship conducted RAS with FS VAR. Also on 10 November 1995, the ship participated in an AAWEX. On 11 November 1995 and 12 November 1995, DE WERT towed the LARNE target for gunnery exercise by elements of the Egyptian Air Force.

The ship was in transit 13 November 1995 to 17 November 1995, conducting RAS with USNS KANAWHA on 14 November 1995. The ship

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embarked two Albanian observers from 15 November 1995 to 27 November 1995. On 16 November 1995 DE WERT conducted a PASSEX with a Bulgarian ship. On 17 November 1995 the ship entered port in Le Spezia, Italy.

Exercise Cooperative Mermaid-Classica was the second PFP exercise for DE WERT. It was conducted 17 November 1995 to 24 November 1995. DE WERT again was the sole U.S. representative. Ships from Italy, Spain, Turkey, Greece, France, Ukraine, Bulgaria, and Romania also participated. The inport phase was 17 November 1995 to 22 November 1995, with COMMEX, PLOTTINGEX, and SURFACE PICTURE exercises held on 20 November 1995 and 21 November 1995. DE WERT and the other ships were open for public tours and sailors from all navies toured each other's ships during the inport phase.

The at sea phase of Cooperative Mermaid-Classica was 22 November 1995 to 24 November 1995. DIVTACS were performed on 22 November 1995 and 23 November 1995. DE WERT conducted RAS with ITS VESUVIO on 23 November 1995. The ship conducted SCREENEX 23 November 1995 to 24 November 1995. Participants returned to Le Spezia for outbrief on 24 November 1995. DE WERT departed Le Spezia 25 November 1995. The ship was in transit 25 November 1995 to 29 November 1995, and conducted PASSEX with a Bulgarian ship.

DE WERT had a port visit in Trieste, Italy, from 29 November 1995 to 03 December 1995. The ship conducted a conference on Operation Sharp Guard duties with USS BOONE, the ship DE WERT relieved, on 30 November 1995. DE WERT was underway in the Otranto OPAREA for familiarization training with CTF 440 04 December 1995 to 06 December 1995. DE WERT chopped to CTF 440, Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean (SNFM), on 07 December 1995. The ship conducted RAS with USNS John Lenthall 07 December 1995.

After a port visit to Corfu, Greece, 07 December 1995 to 10 December 1995, DE WERT began duties as part of Operation Sharp Guard, in support of United Nations resolutions against the former Republic of Yugoslavia. DE WERT was underway in the Otranto OPAREA 10 December 1995 to 16 December 1995. The ship conducted the first query of a merchant ship on 11 December 1995. DE WERT conducted VERTREP with USNS SATURN on 13 December 1995 and RAS with USNS LEROY GRUMMAN 14 December 1995. DE WERT was in transit 16 December 1995 to 18 December 1995.

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DE WERT moored to a bouy in the harbor of Villafranche-Sur-Mer, France, on 18 December 1995 for a holiday visit which lasted until 28 December 1995. The ship held a Safety stand-down 19 December 1995 and 20 December 1995, and a PQS stand-down on 20 December 1995, 21 December 1995, and 22 December 1995. The ship departed Villafranche on 28 December 1995, returning to duties in the Otranto OPAREA on the morning of 30 December 1995. The ship ended the year on patrol in OPAREA SYBIL, at the entrance to the Adriatic Sea, in support of Operation Sharp Guard.

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