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MEMORANDUM

From: P-24

To: P. A. MOLONEY

Subj: HASSAYAMPA MISHAP 28 NOVEMBER 1985

Ref: (a) USNS HASSAYAMPA MSG 300950Z NOVEMBER 1984

(b) CONVERSATION BETWEEN MR. HORTON LAND AND MR. J. A. REICH
ON 24 APRIL 1985

1. Reference (A) reported injuries to three employees on the evening of 28 November 1984 at 2130. The ships log states that the injuries occurred at 2057 which is correct?
2. Reference (a) section echo reported that mishap occurred while ships course was into the wind & seas, and that consol was completed, and all lines were being retrieved when the wave broke over number eight station the deck log states that the MV FALCON CHAMPION was away at 2115 and maneuvering detail was secured at 2117. Twenty Three Minutes prior to the time Reference (a) states mishap occurred. Please clarify.
3. During reference (b) Mr. Land states the ship was making a turn when mishap occurred, and that word was not received by the rig team, according to Mr. Land if they had received word of this alleged turn he and the other two injured employees could have taken shelter. There is no mention of this turn included in reference (a), however there is a course change recorded in the deck log at 2135, is this the turn in question?
4. Several other questions need to be answered concerning this mishap. Why did it take 33 hours to get the injured mariners transferred to the USS Carl Vinson? Mr. Land seems to think that the Hassayampa continued to UNREP after the accident instead of heading for a rendezvous with Vinson. Finally why was Mr. Land hoisted up to the helo using a horse collar instead of a stretcher,? When it was suspected that he was suffering a fracture of the arm and hip.
5. This command will probably end up suffering losses in excess of \$300,000.00 because of this mishap. We need to know what really happened in order to prevent similar accidents from occurring in the future.

Respectfully

J. A. Reich

CAPT B

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