

USS BARB (SSN 596)
CARE OF SUPERVISOR OF SHIPBUILDING, USN
PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI

At Sea
Gulf of Mexico
16 July, 1963

Mr. Dwight A. Ink, Assistant General Manager
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dwight,

We are returning from the first sea trials of the USS BARB, our eighteenth attack type nuclear submarine. The ship successfully completed all tests, including full power operation, both surface and submerged.

The BARB was built by the Ingalls Shipbuilding Company at Pascagoula, Mississippi on the Gulf Coast.

In addition to the eighteen attack nuclear submarines, we also have thirteen Polaris type submarines, making a total of thirty-one nuclear submarines in operation. When all nuclear submarines in programs authorized by Congress are completed, the United States will have forty-one Polaris and forty-seven attack submarines.

Sincerely,


H. G. RICKOVER