Memorandum for the Record

Subj: CNA Integrated Ship Database: Distribution of 1st Quarter 2009 Update

(b) The Integrated Ship Database: Basic Layout and Instructions

We announce the update to CNA’s Integrated Ship Database (ISDB) as of the end of the first quarter of CY09 [Ref (a)]. You can find the database (Mar 09 database.xls) at the web page addressed www.cna.org/nationalsecurity/ota/shipdatabase. On the web page, you will also see a link to a document titled The Integrated Ship Database: Basic Instructions and Layout that describes basic features of the database and steps to take when first opening it [Ref (b)]. We also refer you to a link identified as User’s Manual to go to the original database user’s manual from December 2005 for additional background information [Ref (c)].

For this quarter, we made the usual changes:

- We updated the Naval Vessel Register (NVR) data through 31 March 2009.
- The data from the MSC Ship Inventory reflects changes as of 31 March 2009.
- The Maritime Administration’s Property Management and Archive Record System (PMARS) data is current as of 31 March 2009.

During the first quarter, NVR introduced a new status category: Special, miscellaneous. The category was applied to three ships previously holding the status: Stricken, to be disposed of. These ships are not in commission, but remain operational for defined missions. USNS Invincible (T-AGM 24) conducts missile range observation for the U.S. Air Force as an active ship of the Military Sealift Command. Ex-USS Shadwell (LSD 15) is a test and training ship of the Fire Research Detachment of the Naval Research Laboratory at Little Sands Island, Mobile Bay, AL. Ex-USS Narragansett (ATF 167) is a tow/service vessel of the Naval Air Warfare Center/Aircraft Division, Patuxent River, MD.

We welcome and encourage your comments and suggestions for improvement of the database. Please contact Lynette McClain (mcclainl@cna.org or 703-824-2855) or Greg Suess (suessg@cna.org or 703-824-2231) if you have any questions or comments.

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