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Subject: RIMPAC 2020 17-31 Aug 2020

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

I trust this finds you, your family and countrymen safe and well in this time of crisis.

To amplify the press statement released by ADM Aquilino, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, I would like to provide more detail regarding the revised RIMPAC 2020. In order to continue advancing the RIMPAC theme of Capable, Adaptive, Partners, this modified version of the exercise will demonstrate that in time of global crisis, which comes in many forms, like-minded navies can operate together. Given the need to mitigate COVID-19 risk to military and civilian personnel large scale changes have been made to the original exercise design.

The C3F RIMPAC Planning Staff has developed the framework for RIMPAC 2020 to be executed during the period 17-31 August 2020. This revised exercise will be conducted entirely at sea, solely SOE driven, necessitating ships to operate at sea for extended periods of time. We understand that this will be substantially longer underway periods than in previous RIMPACs and as conceived in the original design of RIMPAC 2020.

Key planning factors of the revised exercise include:

- Ships will be allowed to enter Pearl Harbor only for brief logistical support visits, no liberty or events ashore will be authorized

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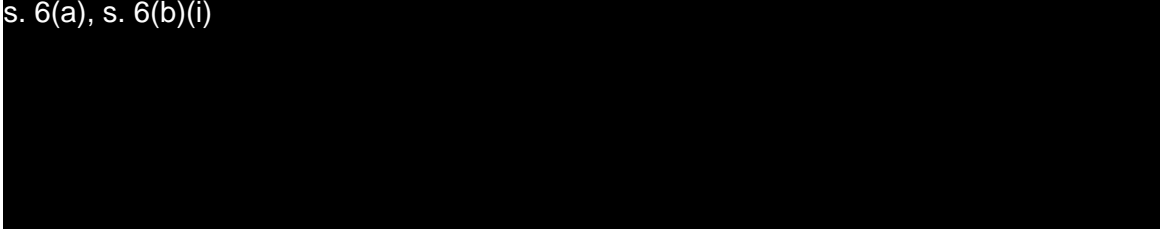


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Due to the short planning time frame and to ensure we mitigate risk to the lowest practicable level, RIMPAC 2020 events are limited to:

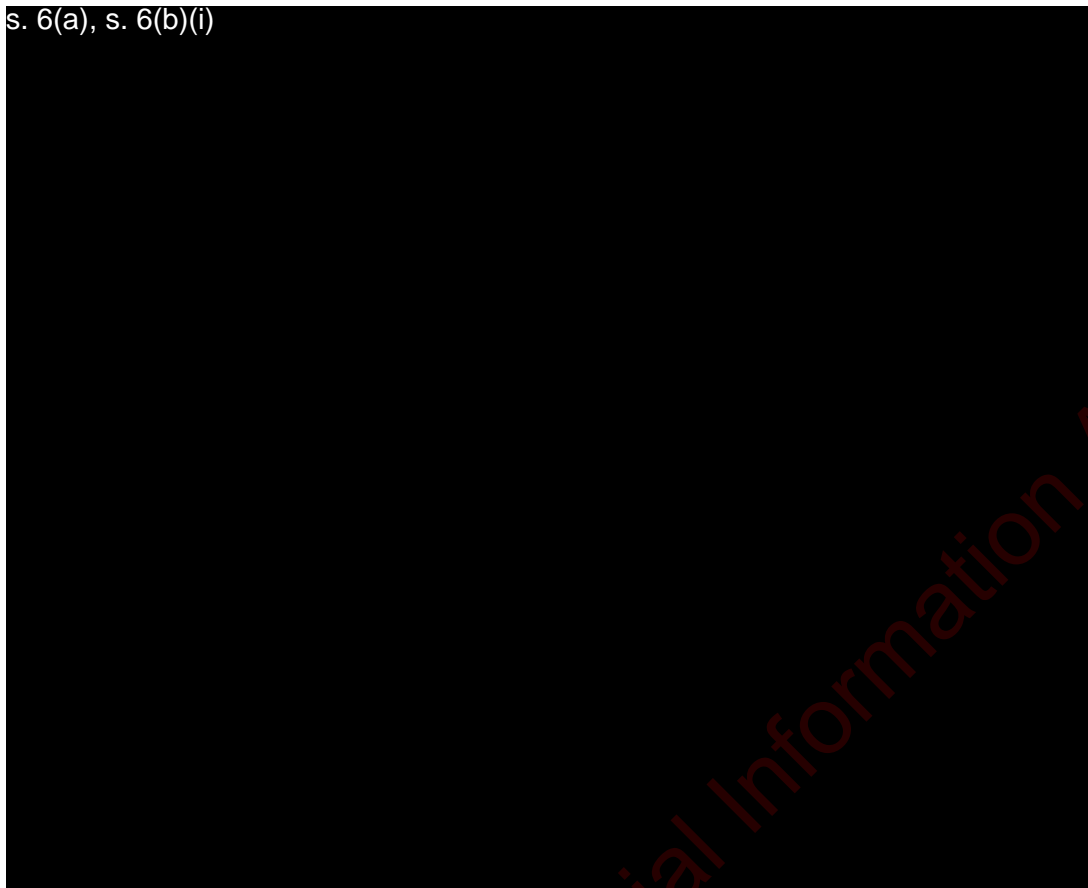
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Very Respectfully,

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