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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on Rear Admiral Christopher J. Cavanaugh, USN letter 5830 of
 29 Oct 21 (U)

From: Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet
 To: Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet
 Via: Commander, Submarine Forces

Subj: COMMAND INVESTIGATION OF THE APPARENT STRIKING OF A
 SUBMERGED OBJECT NBY USS CONNECTICUT (SSN 22) WHILE UNDERWAY
 IN THE U.S. SEVENTH FLEET AREA OF OPERATIONS ON 2 OCTOBER 2021

1. (U) Readdressed and forwarded.
2. (U) A summary of events is enclosed within the first endorsement and I concur with the investigation's conclusions and the recommendations of Commander, SEVENTH FLEET. This grounding was preventable. It was the result of poor navigation planning and execution and risk management that fell below Submarine Force standards. The degree to which the USS CONNECTICUT fell short in these areas is concerning.
3. (U) I recommend approval of the findings of fact, opinions, and recommendations of the investigating officer as endorsed by Commander, SEVENTH Fleet with the following comments.
 - a. (U) I convened a Safety Investigation Board (SIB) to investigate this incident. The findings and recommendations of the SIB will be formally reported and tracked separately.
 - b. (U) With regard to Recommendation 14, based on additional data from Naval Sea Systems Command, bottom sounder reliability is not a SEAWOLF class-wide problem.
 - c. (U) I have forwarded the investigation to CSDS-5 for independent review and disposition concerning any additional personnel accountability actions (i.e., administrative and/or disciplinary), if any, that are deemed appropriate as matters within their sole discretion.

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5. (U) My point of contact is [REDACTED] (b) (6)
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